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 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President (item 4).
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (item 5).
6. Election of Vice-Presidents (item 6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (item 7).²
8. Adoption of the agenda (item 8).
9. Opening of the general debate (item 9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (item 10).
11. Report of the Security Council (item 11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VIII (except paras. 648, 650 and 651) and IX) (item 12).³
13. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 14).
14. Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council (item 15).
15. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (item 16).
16. Election of the members of the International Law Commission (item 17).
17. Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter (item 18).
18. United Nations Emergency Force (item 26):⁴
 - (b) Report on the Force.
19. Question of Tibet (item 83).
20. The situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples (item 88).
21. The situation in Angola: report of the Sub-Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1603 (XV) (item 27).
22. Assistance to Africa (item 22):
 - (a) A United Nations programme for independence.⁵
23. Question of Hungary (item 89).
24. Question of the representation of China in the United Nations (item 90).
25. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations (item 91).

¹Unless otherwise indicated, all the items formed part of the agenda recommended by the General Committee in its first report (A/4882) and adopted by the General Assembly at its 1014th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1961. At its 1018th meeting, on 27 September 1961, the Assembly adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items, with the exception of item 87 (Permanent sovereignty over natural resources), which it decided to refer to the Second Committee, with reference, if necessary, to the Sixth Committee. For the numerical list of agenda items, see *Official Records of the General Assembly Sixteenth Session, Plenary Meetings*, prefatory fascicle, agenda.

²At its 1014th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1961, the General Assembly took note of the communication dated 16 September 1961 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/4875).

³At its 1084th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1961, the General Assembly took note of chapters I, VIII (except paragraphs 648, 650 and 651) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/4820 and Corr.2).

⁴At its 1086th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1961, the General Assembly took note of the Secretary-General's report on the United Nations Emergency Force (A/4857). See also resolution 1733 (XVI) on this item.

⁵At the 1066th plenary meeting, on 27 November 1961, the representative of Nigeria announced that he would not press for a vote on the draft resolution submitted by his delegation (A/L.357 and Add.1). No resolution was adopted on this item.

26. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (item 92).⁶
27. An international investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him (item 93).⁷
28. United Nations Year for International Co-operation (item 95).⁸
29. Organization of peace (item 96).⁹

First Committee

POLITICAL AND SECURITY (INCLUDING THE REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS)

1. Question of disarmament (item 19).
2. The Korean question: reports of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (item 20).
3. Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (item 21).
4. The urgent need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests under effective international control (item 72).
5. Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal (item 73).
6. Complaint by Cuba of threats to international peace and security arising from new plans of aggression and acts of intervention being executed by the Government of the United States of America against the Revolutionary Government of Cuba (item 78).¹⁰
7. Question of Algeria (item 80).
8. The prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons (item 81).

Special Political Committee

1. The status of the German-speaking element in the Province of Bolzano (Bozen); implementation of General Assembly resolution 1497 (XV) of 31 October 1960 (item 74).
2. Treatment of people of Indian and Indo-Pakistan origin in the Republic of South Africa (item 75).
3. Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa (item 76).
4. Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (item 24).
5. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 25).
6. Question of Oman (item 23).¹¹

Second Committee

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter II, III, IV, V (sections II to V), VI (paragraph 489) and VIII (paragraphs 648, 650 and 651)) (item 12).

⁶ At its 1018th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1961, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its second report (A/4895), decided to include this item in the agenda and to consider it without reference to a Committee.

⁷ At its 1036th plenary meeting, on 13 October 1961, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its third report (A/4920), decided to include this item in the agenda and to consider it without reference to a Committee. At its 1082nd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1961, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee on this item (A/5017).

⁸ At its 1059th plenary meeting, on 21 November 1961, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its fourth report (A/4975), decided to include this item in the agenda and to consider it without reference to a Committee.

⁹ At its 1083rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 1961, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its fifth report (A/5053, para. 2), decided to include this item in the agenda of the sixteenth session but to place it on the provisional agenda of the seventeenth session.

¹⁰ Following the rejection of the draft resolution submitted to it, the First Committee declared that it had no recommendation to make to the General Assembly on this item (A/5090, para. 6). At its 1105th plenary meeting, on 20 February 1962, the General Assembly voted on the draft resolution submitted by Mongolia (A/L.385/Rev.1). Having failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority, the draft resolution was not adopted.

¹¹ At its 1078th plenary meeting, on 14 December 1961, the General Assembly voted on the draft resolution contained in the report of the Special Political Committee (A/5010). Having failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority, the draft resolution was not adopted.

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 - (a) Industrial development and activities of the organs of the United Nations in the field of industrialization;
 - (b) Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund: report of the Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1521 (XV);
 - (c) Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (d) Land reform: interim report of the Secretary-General;
 - (e) Provision of food surpluses to food-deficient peoples through the United Nations system.
3. Questions relating to international trade and commodities (item 29) :
 - (a) Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) Improvement of the terms of trade between the industrial and the under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council.
4. Progress and operations of the Special Fund (item 31).
5. United Nations programmes of technical co-operation (item 32) :
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 - (b) Use of volunteer workers in the operational programmes of the United Nations and related agencies;
 - (c) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.
6. Assistance to newly independent States: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 33).¹²
7. Assistance to Africa (item 22) :
 - (b) Economic development of Africa;
 - (c) African educational development.¹³
8. Questions relating to science and technology (item 30) :
 - (a) Development of scientific and technical co-operation and exchange of experience: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Main trends of inquiry in the natural sciences, dissemination of scientific knowledge and application of such knowledge for peaceful ends: report of the Economic and Social Council.
9. Population growth and economic development (item 84).
10. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (item 87).

Third Committee

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters VI (except paragraph 489) and VII) (item 12).
2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 34).
3. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (item 35).
4. Draft Convention of Freedom of Information (item 36).
5. Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information (item 37).
6. Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum (item 38).
7. Draft Convention and draft Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages (item 85).
8. Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance (item 86).
9. Problem raised by the situation of Angolan refugees in the Congo (item 82).

Fourth Committee

TRUSTEESHIP (INCLUDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES)

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council (item 13).

¹² No specific proposals were submitted with respect to this item, which was considered jointly with items 22 (b) and (c).

¹³ At its 1042nd plenary meeting, on 26 October 1961, the General Assembly reconsidered the allocation of this sub-item, which had been referred to the Third Committee, and re-allocated it to the Second Committee.

2. Question of the future of Western Samoa : report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa and report of the Trusteeship Council thereon (item 48).
3. Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories : report of the Secretary-General (item 50).
4. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories : report of the Secretary-General (item 51).
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7. Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories : report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 40).
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14. Question of South West Africa (item 47) :
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15. Question of the future of Ruanda-Urundi : report of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi (item 49).¹⁶

Fifth Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY

1. Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1960, and reports of the Board of Auditors (item 52) :
 - (a) United Nations ;
 - (b) United Nations Children's Fund ;
 - (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ;
 - (d) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
2. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1961 (item 53).
3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations : report of the Committee on Contributions (item 57).

¹⁴ No proposal was submitted on this item. See A/4997, para. 26.

¹⁵ See resolution 1700 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, note.

¹⁶ At its 1106th plenary meeting, on 23 February 1962, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Fifth Committee on this item (A/5095, para. 5).

4. Review of the activities and organization of the Secretariat: report of the Committee of Experts appointed under General Assembly resolution 1446 (XIV) and recommendations thereon by the Secretary-General (item 61).¹⁷
5. Administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations: report of the working group appointed under General Assembly resolution 1620 (XV) (item 62).
6. Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (item 66).
7. Budget estimates for the financial year 1962 (item 54).¹⁸
8. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (item 56):
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
9. Personnel questions (item 64):
 - (a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat;¹⁹
 - (b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;
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10. Base salary scales and post adjustments of the staff in the professional and higher categories of the international civil service: reports of the International Civil Service Advisory Board and of the Secretary-General (item 65).
11. United Nations Emergency Force (item 26):
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 - (a) Expenditure of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;
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15. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and with the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 59).
16. Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (item 63).²⁰
17. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (item 67).
18. United Nations Library: report of the Secretary-General (item 68).
19. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X) (item 12).²¹
20. Enlargement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 94).²²

¹⁷ At its 1086th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1961, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee on this item (A/5073).

¹⁸ At its 1082nd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1961, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Fifth Committee concerning the payment of honoraria to members serving on organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations in an individual, personal capacity (A/5005, para. 10).

¹⁹ At its 1086th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1961, the General Assembly took note of the recommendation of the Fifth Committee on this sub-item (A/5063, para. 51).

²⁰ At its 1082nd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1961, the General Assembly approved the decision of the Fifth Committee on this item (A/5029, para. 6).

²¹ At its 1082nd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1961, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee on this item (A/5016).

²² At its 1036th plenary meeting, on 13 October 1961, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its third report (A/4920), decided to include this item in the agenda and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

LEGAL

1. Enlargement of the International Law Commission (item 77).
2. Question of special missions (item 71).
3. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirteenth session (item 69).
4. Future work in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law (item 70).

APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Item 3 (a))

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly appointed a Credentials Committee to examine the credentials of representatives.²³

The Committee was constituted as follows: AUSTRALIA, BURMA, ICELAND, ITALY, MALI, NICARAGUA, PERU, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*1008th plenary meeting,
20 September 1961.*

COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Items 4, 5 and 6)

The General Committee of the General Assembly for the sixteenth session was constituted as follows:

President of the General Assembly:

Mr. Mongi SLIM (Tunisia).

*1008th plenary meeting,
20 September 1961.*

Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:

The representatives of the following Member States: CHINA, COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, GHANA, GREECE, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*1009th plenary meeting,
20 September 1961.*

Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly:

First Committee: Mr. Mario AMADEO (Argentina);

Special Political Committee: Mr. Yordan TCHOBANOV (Bulgaria);

Second Committee: Mr. Blasco LANZA D'AJETA (Italy);

Third Committee: Mr. Salvador P. LÓPEZ (Philippines);

Fourth Committee: Miss Angie BROOKS (Liberia);

Fifth Committee: Mr. Hermod LANNUNG (Denmark);

Sixth Committee: Mr. César A. QUINTERO (Panama);

*1009th plenary meeting,²⁴
20 September 1961.*

ELECTION OF FOUR NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

(Item 15)

The General Assembly elected one non-permanent member to the Security Council for a period of one year beginning on 1 January 1962 to fill the seat held by LIBERIA during 1961.

The following State was elected: IRELAND.

*1044th plenary meeting,
30 October 1961.*

²³ For the resolution adopted on the report of the Credentials Committee, see p. 1.

²⁴ At that meeting the President of the General Assembly announced the results of the elections held by the Committees.

The General Assembly elected three non-permanent members to the Security Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CEYLON, ECUADOR and TURKEY.

The following States were elected: GHANA, ROMANIA and VENEZUELA.

*1044th and 1068th plenary meetings,
30 October and 1 December 1961.*

ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Item 16)

The General Assembly elected six members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AFGHANISTAN, BULGARIA, NEW ZEALAND, SPAIN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

The following States were elected: AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA, INDIA, SENEGAL, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA.

*1044th and 1053rd plenary meetings,
30 October and 14 November 1961.*

ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

(Item 17)

In accordance with its resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947 and with the provisions of the Statute of the International Law Commission annexed thereto, as amended by resolutions 1103 (XI) of 18 December 1956 and 1647 (XVI) of 6 November 1961, the General Assembly elected the twenty-five members of the International Law Commission.

The following were elected:

Mr. Roberto AGO (Italy);
Mr. Gilberto AMADO (Brazil);
Mr. Milan BARTOŠ (Yugoslavia);
Mr. Herbert W. BRIGGS (United States of America);
Mr. Marcel CADIEUX (Canada);
Mr. Erik CASTRÉN (Finland);
Mr. Abdullah EL-ERIAN (United Arab Republic);
Mr. Tesilimi Olawole ELIAS (Nigeria);
Mr. André GROS (France);
Mr. Eduardo JIMÉNEZ DE ARECHAGA (Uruguay);
Mr. Victor KANGA (Cameroun);
Mr. Manfred LACHS (Poland);
Mr. Liu Chieh (China);
Mr. Antonio DE LUNA GARCÍA (Spain);
Mr. Luis PADILLA NERVO (Mexico);
Mr. Radhabinod PAL (India);
Mr. Angel Modesto PAREDES (Ecuador);
Mr. Obed PESSOU (Dahomey);
Mr. Shabtai ROSENNE (Israel);
Mr. Abdul Hakim TABIBI (Afghanistan);
Mr. Senjin TSURUOKA (Japan);
Mr. Grigory I. TUNKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics);
Mr. Alfred VERDROSS (Austria);
Sir Humphrey WALDOCK (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);
Mr. Mustapha Kamil YASSEEN (Iraq).

*1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.*

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT
OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**1693 (XVI). Credentials of representatives to the sixteenth session
of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.¹

*1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

¹*Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/5055.*



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1632 (XVI). Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal

The urgent need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests under effective international control

The General Assembly,

Seized of the question of halting nuclear weapons tests,

Solemnly appeals to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to refrain from carrying out its intention to explode in the atmosphere a 50-megaton bomb before the end of this month.

*1043rd plenary meeting,
27 October 1961.*

1648 (XVI). Continuation of suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests and obligations of States to refrain from their renewal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1577 (XV) of 20 December 1960 which urged the States concerned to continue the

suspension of test explosions, and also its resolution 1578 (XV) of the same date,

Further recalling its resolution 1379 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

Bearing in mind both the grave and continuing hazards of radiation resulting to humanity from test explosions as well as their adverse consequences to the prospects of world peace through heightening rather than lessening international tensions,

Considering it urgent and imperative that no further tests should take place,

1. *Expresses its deep concern and profound regret* that test explosions have been resumed;

2. *Earnestly urges* the States concerned to refrain from further test explosions pending the conclusion of necessary internationally binding agreements in regard to tests;

3. *Expresses confidence* that the States concerned will reach agreement as soon as possible on the cessation of tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, under appropriate international control;

4. *Calls upon* the States concerned to engage themselves with urgency and speed in the necessary efforts to conclude such agreements expeditiously.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1649 (XVI). The urgent need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests under effective international control

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1252 (XIII) of 4 November 1958, 1402 (XIV) of 21 November 1959 and 1577 (XV) and 1578 (XV) of 20 December 1960,

Noting with regret the recent initiation of nuclear weapons testing and the rejection of the proposal of the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that further nuclear tests in the earth's atmosphere should be suspended,

Noting that the negotiations at Geneva on the discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests have been recessed pending completion of the discussion of this matter by the General Assembly,

Recognizing that a permanent and continuing cessation of nuclear weapons testing in all environments would be guaranteed only by an effective and impartial system of verification in which all States have confidence,

1. *Reaffirms* that it is urgently necessary to reach an agreement prohibiting all nuclear weapons tests under effective control which would be a first step towards reversing the dangerous and burdensome arms race, would inhibit the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries, would contribute to the reduction of international tensions and would eliminate any health hazards associated with nuclear testing;

2. *Urges* the States negotiating at the Conference on the Discontinuance of Nuclear Weapons Tests at Geneva to renew at once their efforts to conclude at the earliest possible time a treaty on the cessation of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons tests on the following basis:

(a) The treaty should have as its objective the cessation of all nuclear weapons tests in all environments under inspection and control machinery adequate to ensure compliance with its terms;

(b) International control machinery should be organized so as to be representative of all parties to the treaty and should be staffed and operated to guarantee its objectivity and effectiveness, avoiding self-inspection, under procedures which would ensure that its facilities will be used exclusively for purposes of effective control;

(c) The day-to-day executive and administrative operations of the control system established under the treaty should not be susceptible to obstruction by the exercise of a veto, and administrative responsibility should be concentrated in the hands of a single Administrator acting impartially and functioning under the supervision of a commission composed of representatives of parties to the treaty;

3. *Requests* the negotiating States to report to the Disarmament Commission by 14 December 1961 on the progress of their negotiations;

4. *Calls upon* all States, upon the conclusion of a treaty which will ensure that nuclear weapons tests will be permanently prohibited under effective controls, to ratify or to adhere to that treaty.

*1049th plenary meeting,
8 November 1961.*

1652 (XVI). Consideration of Africa as a denuclearized zone

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1378 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on general and complete disarmament, 1379 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on the question of French nuclear tests in the Sahara, 1576 (XV) of 20 December 1960 on the prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons, and 1577 (XV) and 1578 (XV) of 20 December 1960 on the suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests,

Recalling further its resolution 1629 (XVI) of 27 October 1961, which declared that both concern for the future of mankind and the fundamental principles of international law impose a responsibility on all States concerning actions which might have harmful biological consequences for the existing and future generations of peoples of other States, by increasing the levels of radio-active fall-out,

Concerned about the present rate of nuclear armament and the possible spread of nuclear weapons, as well as the resumption of nuclear tests in the continent of Africa which is being emancipated,

Recognizing the need to prevent Africa from becoming involved in any competition associated with the ideological struggles between the Powers engaged in the arms race and, particularly, with nuclear weapons,

Recognizing further that the task of economic and social development in the African States requires the uninterrupted attention of those States in order to allow them to fulfil their goals and to contribute fully to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Calls upon Member States:

(a) To refrain from carrying out or continuing to carry out in Africa nuclear tests in any form;

(b) To refrain from using the territory, territorial waters or air space of Africa for testing, storing or transporting nuclear weapons;

(c) To consider and respect the continent of Africa as a denuclearized zone.

*1063rd plenary meeting,
24 November 1961.*

1653 (XVI). Declaration on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Mindful of its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security, as well as in the consideration of principles governing disarmament,

Gravely concerned that, while negotiations on disarmament have not so far achieved satisfactory results, the armaments race, particularly in the nuclear and thermo-nuclear fields, has reached a dangerous stage requiring all possible precautionary measures to protect humanity and civilization from the hazard of nuclear and thermo-nuclear catastrophe,

Recalling that the use of weapons of mass destruction, causing unnecessary human suffering, was in the past prohibited, as being contrary to the laws of humanity and to the principles of international law, by international declarations and binding agreements, such as

the Declaration of St. Petersburg of 1868, the Declaration of the Brussels Conference of 1874, the Conventions of The Hague Peace Conferences of 1899 and 1907, and the Geneva Protocol of 1925, to which the majority of nations are still parties,

Considering that the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons would bring about indiscriminate suffering and destruction to mankind and civilization to an even greater extent than the use of those weapons declared by the aforementioned international declarations and agreements to be contrary to the laws of humanity and a crime under international law,

Believing that the use of weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, is a direct negation of the high ideals and objectives which the United Nations has been established to achieve through the protection of succeeding generations from the scourge of war and through the preservation and promotion of their cultures,

1. *Declares* that:

(a) The use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons is contrary to the spirit, letter and aims of the United Nations and, as such, a direct violation of the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) The use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons would exceed even the scope of war and cause indiscriminate suffering and destruction to mankind and civilization and, as such, is contrary to the rules of international law and to the laws of humanity;

(c) The use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons is a war directed not against an enemy or enemies alone but also against mankind in general, since the peoples of the world not involved in such a war will be subjected to all the evils generated by the use of such weapons;

(d) Any State using nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons is to be considered as violating the Charter of the United Nations, as acting contrary to the laws of humanity and as committing a crime against mankind and civilization;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult the Governments of Member States to ascertain their views on the possibility of convening a special conference for signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons for war purposes and to report on the results of such consultation to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

*1063rd plenary meeting,
24 November 1961.*

1660 (XVI). Question of disarmament

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the agreement between the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, as a result of negotiations between them, that general and complete disarmament should be accomplished, and their agreement on the principles which should guide disarmament negotiations,

Noting that the two Governments are desirous of resuming disarmament negotiations in an appropriate body, whose composition is yet to be agreed upon,

Considering it essential that these two principal parties should agree to and accept a negotiating body,

Having regard to the success of negotiations between these two parties resulting in the emergence of an agreement on principles,

1. *Urges* the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to reach agreement on the composition of a negotiating body which both they and the rest of the world can regard as satisfactory;

2. *Expresses the hope* that such negotiations will be started without delay and will lead to an agreed recommendation to the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to report to the General Assembly, before the conclusion of its sixteenth session, on the results of such negotiations.

*1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.*

1664 (XVI). Question of disarmament

The General Assembly,

Convinced that all measures should be taken that could halt further nuclear weapons tests and prevent the further spread of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing that the countries not possessing nuclear weapons have a grave interest, and an important part to fulfil, in the preparation and implementation of such measures,

Believing that action taken by those countries will facilitate agreement by the nuclear Powers to discontinue all nuclear tests and to prevent any increase in the number of nuclear Powers,

Taking note of the suggestion that an inquiry be made into the conditions under which countries not possessing nuclear weapons might be willing to enter into specific undertakings to refrain from manufacturing or otherwise acquiring such weapons and to refuse to receive, in the future, nuclear weapons in their territories on behalf of any other country,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make such an inquiry as soon as possible and to submit a report on its results to the Disarmament Commission not later than 1 April 1962;

2. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to take such further measures as appear to be warranted in the light of that report;

3. *Calls upon* the nuclear Powers to extend their fullest co-operation and assistance with regard to the implementation of the present resolution.

*1070th plenary meeting,
4 December 1961.*

1665 (XVI). Prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1380 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 and 1576 (XV) of 20 December 1960,

Convinced that an increase in the number of States possessing nuclear weapons is growing more imminent and threatens to extend and intensify the arms race and

to increase the difficulties of avoiding war and of establishing international peace and security based on the rule of law,

Believing in the necessity of an international agreement, subject to inspection and control, whereby the states producing nuclear weapons would refrain from relinquishing control of such weapons to any nation not possessing them and whereby states not possessing such weapons would refrain from manufacturing them,

1. *Calls upon* all States, and in particular upon the States at present possessing nuclear weapons, to use their best endeavours to secure the conclusion of an international agreement containing provisions under which the nuclear States would undertake to refrain from relinquishing control of nuclear weapons and from transmitting the information necessary for their manufacture to States not possessing such weapons, and provisions under which States not possessing nuclear weapons would undertake not to manufacture or otherwise acquire control of such weapons;

2. *Urges* all States to co-operate to those ends.

*1070th plenary meeting,
4 December 1961.*

1721 (XVI). International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space

A

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the common interest of mankind in furthering the peaceful uses of outer space and the urgent need to strengthen international co-operation in this important field,

Believing that the exploration and use of outer space should be only for the betterment of mankind and to the benefit of States irrespective of the stage of their economic or scientific development,

1. *Commends* to States for their guidance in the exploration and use of outer space the following principles:

(a) International law, including the Charter of the United Nations, applies to outer space and celestial bodies;

(b) Outer space and celestial bodies are free for exploration and use by all States in conformity with international law and are not subject to national appropriation;

2. *Invites* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to study and report on the legal problems which may arise from the exploration and use of outer space.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

B

The General Assembly,

Believing that the United Nations should provide a focal point for international co-operation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,

1. *Calls upon* States launching objects into orbit or beyond to furnish information promptly to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, through the Secretary-General, for the registration of launchings;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to maintain a public registry of the information furnished in accordance with paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and making full use of the functions and resources of the Secretariat:

(a) To maintain close contact with governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with outer space matters;

(b) To provide for the exchange of such information relating to outer space activities as Governments may supply on a voluntary basis, supplementing but not duplicating existing technical and scientific exchanges;

(c) To assist in the study of measures for the promotion of international co-operation in outer space activities;

4. *Further requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to report to the General Assembly on the arrangements undertaken for the performance of those functions and on such developments relating to the peaceful uses of outer space as it considers significant.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

C

The General Assembly,

Noting with gratification the marked progress for meteorological science and technology opened up by the advances in outer space,

Convinced of the world-wide benefits to be derived from international co-operation in weather research and analysis,

1. *Recommends* to all Member States and to the World Meteorological Organization and other appropriate specialized agencies the early and comprehensive study, in the light of developments in outer space, of measures:

(a) To advance the state of atmospheric science and technology so as to provide greater knowledge of basic physical forces affecting climate and the possibility of large-scale weather modification;

(b) To develop existing weather forecasting capabilities and to help Member States make effective use of such capabilities through regional meteorological centres;

2. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization, consulting as appropriate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the International Council of Scientific Unions, to submit a report to the Governments of its Member States and to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session regarding appropriate organizational and financial arrangements to achieve those ends, with a view to their further consideration by the General Assembly at its seventeenth session;

3. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful uses of Outer Space, as it deems appropriate, to review that report and submit its comments and recommendations to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

D*The General Assembly,*

Believing that communication by means of satellites should be available to the nations of the world as soon as practicable on a global and non-discriminatory basis,

Convinced of the need to prepare the way for the establishment of effective operational satellite communication,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the International Telecommunication Union plans to call a special conference in 1963 to make allocations of radio frequency bands for outer space activities;

2. *Recommends* that the International Telecommunication Union consider at that conference those aspects of space communication in which international co-operation will be required;

3. *Notes* the potential importance of communication satellites for use by the United Nations and its principal organs and specialized agencies for both operational and informational requirements;

4. *Invites* the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union, to give sympathetic consideration to requests from Member States for technical and other assistance for the survey of their communication needs and for the development of their domestic communication facilities, so that they may make effective use of space communication;

5. *Requests* the International Telecommunication Union, consulting as appropriate with Member States, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the Committee on Space Research of the International Council of Scientific Unions, to submit a report on the implementation of these proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session and to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session;

6. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as it deems appropriate, to review that report and submit its comments and recommendations to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

E*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1472 (XIV) of 12 December 1959,

Noting that the terms of office of the members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space expire at the end of 1961,

Noting the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,¹

1. *Decides* to continue the membership of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space as set forth in General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV) and to add Chad, Mongolia, Morocco and Sierra Leone to

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 21, document A/4987.*

its membership in recognition of the increased membership of the United Nations since the Committee was established;

2. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to meet not later than 31 March 1962 to carry out its mandate as contained in General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV), to review the activities provided for in resolutions A, B, C and D above and to make such reports as it may consider appropriate.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1722 (XVI). Question of disarmament*The General Assembly,*

Noting with concern that the continuing arms race is a heavy burden for humanity and is fraught with dangers for the cause of world peace,

Conscious of its responsibilities, under the Charter of the United Nations, for disarmament,

Recalling its resolution 1378 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, in which it called upon Governments to make every effort to achieve a constructive solution of the problem of general and complete disarmament and expressed the hope that measures leading towards the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control would be worked out in detail and agreed upon in the shortest possible time,

Being deeply concerned that the objectives of that resolution be achieved as early as possible,

I

Noting with satisfaction the report submitted to the General Assembly by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America following their exchange of views on questions relating to disarmament and to the resumption of negotiations in an appropriate body,²

1. *Welcomes* the joint statement of the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America of agreed principles for disarmament negotiations included in that report;

2. *Recommends* that negotiations on general and complete disarmament should be based upon those principles;

II

Deeming it essential that negotiations on general and complete disarmament under effective international control be resumed at the earliest possible time,

Recognizing that all States have a deep interest in disarmament negotiations,

1. *Endorses* the agreement that has been reached on the composition of a Disarmament Committee, whose membership will be: Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America;

² *Ibid.*, agenda item 19, document A/4879.

2. *Recommends* that the Committee, as a matter of the utmost urgency, should undertake negotiations with a view to reaching, on the basis of the joint statement of agreed principles and taking into account, *inter alia*, paragraph 8 of those principles, agreement on general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

3. *Requests* that the Committee submit to the General Assembly a report on such agreement as soon as it has been reached, and in any case submit to the Disarmament Commission, not later than 1 June 1962, a report on the progress achieved;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and provide the necessary services to the Committee.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1724 (XVI). Question of Algeria

The General Assembly,

Having discussed the question of Algeria,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 in which it proclaimed the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations,

Recalling further its resolution 1573 (XV) of 19 December 1960 by which it recognized the right of the Algerian people to self-determination and independence, the imperative need for adequate and effective guarantees to ensure the successful and just implementation of the right to self-determination on the basis of respect for the unity and territorial integrity of Algeria, and the fact that the United Nations has a responsibility to contribute towards the successful and just implementation of that right,

Deeply concerned about the continuance of the war in Algeria,

Taking note of the fact that the two parties concerned have affirmed their willingness to seek a negotiated and peaceful solution on the basis of the right of the Algerian people to self-determination and independence,

Regretting the suspension of the negotiations entered into by the Government of France and the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic,

Calls upon the two parties to resume negotiations with a view to implementing the right of the Algerian

people to self-determination and independence respecting the unity and territorial integrity of Algeria.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1740 (XVI). The Korean question

The General Assembly,

Having noted the report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea³ signed at Seoul, Korea, on 11 September 1961, and the supplementary report of the Commission⁴ signed at Seoul, Korea, on 4 December 1961,

Reaffirming its resolutions 112 (II) of 14 November 1947, 195 (III) of 12 December 1948, 293 (IV) of 21 October 1949, 376 (V) of 7 October 1950, 811 (IX) of 11 December 1954, 910 A (X) of 29 November 1955, 1010 (XI) of 11 January 1957, 1180 (XII) of 29 November 1957, 1264 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 and 1455 (XIV) of 9 December 1959,

Noting that the United Nations forces which were sent to Korea in accordance with resolutions of the United Nations have in greater part already been withdrawn, and that the Governments concerned are prepared to withdraw their remaining forces from Korea when the conditions for a lasting settlement laid down by the General Assembly have been fulfilled,

Recalling that the United Nations, under its Charter, is fully and rightfully empowered to take collective action to repel aggression, to restore peace and security and to extend its good offices to seeking a peaceful settlement in Korea,

1. *Reaffirms* that the objectives of the United Nations in Korea are to bring about, by peaceful means, the establishment of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government, and the full restoration of international peace and security in the area;

2. *Urges* that continuing efforts be made to achieve those objectives;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea to continue its work in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

*1087th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

³ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/4900).

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13A (A/4900/Add.1).

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1629 (XVI). Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

The General Assembly,

I

Deeply concerned that as a result of the renewed discharge into the earth's environment of radio-active debris there have been sharp increases in the levels of radio-active fall-out in many parts of the world,

Fearful that the prolonged exposure of mankind to increasing levels of radio-active fall-out would constitute a growing threat to this and future generations,

Recognizing the great importance of the contribution made by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation in the study of the extent and nature of this hazard,

1. *Declares* that both concern for the future of mankind and the fundamental principles of international law impose a responsibility on all States concerning actions which might have harmful biological consequences for the existing and future generations of peoples of other States, by increasing the levels of radio-active fall-out;

2. *Approves* the annual progress report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation¹ and draws particular attention to the Committee's view that the resumption of nuclear test explosions since the publication of its last comprehensive report increases the urgency for the intensification of relevant scientific studies;

3. *Expresses appreciation* for the valuable information on radio-active contamination, radiation levels and radio-biological questions which has been furnished to the Scientific Committee by Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency,

the International Commission on Radiological Protection and the International Commission on Radiological Units and Measurements, in compliance with General Assembly resolutions 1376 (XIV) of 17 November 1959 and 1574 (XV) of 20 December 1960;

4. *Reaffirms* the desirability of continuing full international co-operation through the Scientific Committee and interchanges of the results and experience of research conducted at the national level, so that man's knowledge of the hazards of radiation will constantly improve and in particular so that the second comprehensive report to be presented in 1962 by the Committee will be as scientifically authoritative and informative as possible;

5. *Invites* countries wishing to do so to take advantage of the offers of laboratory facilities which have been made by Member States, the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the analysis of samples of air, water, bone, soil and food collected in their territories, as envisaged in section IV of resolution 1376 (XIV);

6. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to examine the possibility of accelerating its second comprehensive report and to consider at the earliest possible time whether the facts at its disposal call for the submission of an interim report;

II

Noting that, in accordance with procedures and practices established by the World Meteorological Organization, the countries of the world have for many years operated a system for the routine reporting of atmospheric conditions from a world-wide network of meteorological stations for the prompt dissemination of these reports by telegraphic and other means,

1. *Invites* the World Meteorological Organization, in consultation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, as necessary, to

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 24, document A/4881.*

examine urgently the feasibility of extending the present meteorological reporting system to include measurements of atmospheric radio-activity with the following aims in mind:

(a) To ensure that reliable and standardized measurements of atmospheric radio-activity are made at a world-wide network of stations;

(b) To ensure the day-to-day exchange of this information by telegraphic and other means with a view to its prompt reception at appointed national centres;

(c) To ensure that national and/or international arrangements be made for these observations to be stored as permanent records of atmospheric radio-activity and to be published in appropriate forms at suitable intervals;

2. *Invites* the World Meteorological Organization to implement the above-mentioned scheme, if found feasible, at the earliest possible date.

*1043rd plenary meeting,
27 October 1961.*

1661 (XVI). The status of the German-speaking element in the Province of Bolzano (Bozen)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1497 (XV) of 31 October 1960,

Noting with satisfaction the negotiations which are taking place between the two parties concerned,

Noting further that the dispute remains as yet unresolved,

Calls for further efforts by the two parties concerned to find a solution in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the above-mentioned resolution.

*1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.*

1662 (XVI). Treatment of people of Indian and Indo-Pakistan origin in the Republic of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1179 (XII) of 26 November 1957, 1302 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, 1460 (XIV) of 10 December 1959 and 1597 (XV) of 13 April 1961,

Having considered the reports of the Governments of India² and Pakistan,³

1. *Notes* that the Governments of India and Pakistan have once again reiterated their readiness to enter into negotiations with the Government of the Republic of South Africa in accordance with the expressed desires of the United Nations, and with the express declaration that such negotiations would be without prejudice to the juridical stands taken by the respective Governments;

2. *Notes with deep regret* that the Government of South Africa has repeatedly ignored the resolutions of the General Assembly, has not replied to the communications from the Governments of India and Pakistan on this subject and has not shown any disposition

to arrive at a solution to this problem in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the repeated recommendations of the Assembly;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa to enter into negotiations with the Governments of India and Pakistan, in conformity with the repeated resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Invites* Member States to use their good offices in such manner as may be appropriate to bring about the negotiations envisaged by the General Assembly in this matter;

5. *Invites* the parties concerned to report to the General Assembly, jointly or separately, regarding any progress which may be made.

*1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.*

1663 (XVI). The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,

Considering that in its resolutions 616 B (VII) of 5 December 1952, 917 (X) of 6 December 1955 and 1248 (XIII) of 30 October 1958 the General Assembly has declared that racial policies designed to perpetuate or increase discrimination are inconsistent with the Charter of the United Nations and with the pledges under Article 56 of the Charter,

Noting that in its resolutions 395 (V) of 2 December 1950, 511 (VI) of 12 January 1952 and 616 A (VII) of 5 December 1952 the General Assembly has successively affirmed that the policy of racial segregation (*apartheid*) is necessarily based on doctrines of racial discrimination,

Recalling that the Security Council in its resolution of 1 April 1960⁴ recognized that the situation in South Africa was one that had led to international friction and, if continued, might endanger international peace and security,

Recalling further that the Security Council in its aforesaid resolution called upon the Government of South Africa to initiate measures aimed at bringing about racial harmony based on equality in order to ensure that the present situation does not continue, or recur and to abandon its policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination,

Recalling in particular that the Government of South Africa has completely disregarded General Assembly resolution 1598 (XV) of 13 April 1961 and, far from bringing its policies and conduct into conformity with its obligations under the Charter, has continued to reinforce its racial policies in disregard of those obligations,

² *Ibid.*, agenda item 75, documents A/4803 and Add.1.

³ *Ibid.*, document A/4817.

⁴ *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifteenth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1960, document S/4300.*

1. *Deplores* that the Government of the Republic of South Africa has failed to comply with the repeated requests and demands of the General Assembly and with the aforesaid resolution of the Security Council and has flouted world public opinion by refusing to reconsider or revise its racial policies or to observe its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Strongly deprecates* the continued and total disregard by the Government of South Africa of its obligations under the Charter and furthermore its determined aggravation of racial issues by ever-increasing discriminatory laws and measures and their ruthless enforcement accompanied by violence and bloodshed;

3. *Condemns* policies based on racial superiority as reprehensible and repugnant to human dignity;

4. *Calls the attention* of the Security Council to the provision of Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter;

5. *Urges* all States to take such separate and collective action as is open to them in conformity with the Charter to bring about an abandonment of those policies;

6. *Reaffirms* that the racial policies being pursued by the Government of South Africa are a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and are totally inconsistent with South Africa's obligations as a Member State;

7. *Reaffirms with grave concern and deep anxiety* that these policies have led to international friction and that their continuance seriously endangers international peace and security;

8. *Reminds* the Government of South Africa of the requirement of Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Charter that all Members shall fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by them under the Charter;

9. *Calls once again upon* the Government of South Africa to change its policies and conduct so as to conform to its obligations imposed by the Charter.

*1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.*

1725 (XVI). Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) and 394 (V) of 2 and 14 December 1950, 512 (VI) and 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 818 (IX) of

4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957, 1191 (XII) of 12 December 1957, 1315 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, 1456 (XIV) of 9 December 1959 and 1604 (XV) of 21 April 1961,

Noting the annual report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period 1 July 1960-30 June 1961,⁵

Noting with deep regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern,

1. *Takes note* of the efforts of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, pursuant to the request contained in General Assembly resolutions 1456 (XIV) and 1604 (XV), to secure the implementation of paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 194 (III), and:

(a) Requests the Commission to intensify its efforts for the implementation of paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III) and urges the Arab host Governments and Israel to co-operate with the Commission in this regard;

(b) Further requests the Commission to intensify its work on the identification and evaluation of Arab refugee immovable properties in Palestine as at 15 May 1948, and to make every effort to complete that work by 1 September 1962;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission such additional staff and administrative facilities as may be required;

2. *Directs attention* to the precarious financial position of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and urges non-contributing Governments to contribute, and contributing Governments to consider increasing their contributions, so that the Agency can carry out its essential programmes;

3. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director and the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to provide essential services for the Palestine refugees, and to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

⁵*Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/4861).*



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1706 (XVI). Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1521 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Having considered the report of the Committee on a United Nations Capital Development Fund,¹ and the comments of the Economic and Social Council thereon,²

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Committee on a United Nations Capital Development Fund;

2. *Instructs* the Committee to prepare the necessary draft legislation (statute) for a United Nations capital development fund in the light of the general principles

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda items 2 and 5, document E/3514.*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4820 and Corr.2), paras. 214-220.*

prepared by the Committee and annexed to the present resolution, the comments of the Economic and Social Council, the discussions at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General's report on the financial needs of less developed countries and on the impact of existing financial institutions, as proposed by the Committee;

3. *Requests* the Committee to submit the draft legislation (statute) to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session, which shall transmit it, together with its comments, to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session;

4. *Requests* the Committee to take into account the desirability of devising an arrangement for inter-governmental control and for voting such as to inspire the confidence of all members of the United Nations capital development fund, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

*1084th plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

ANNEX

GENERAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS OF A UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

1. Assistance from the United Nations capital development fund to under-developed countries should be directed towards the achievement of accelerated and self-sustained growth of their economies. In keeping with this objective, assistance should be oriented towards the diversification of their economies, with due regard to the need for industrial development as a basis for social progress.

2. The provision of assistance shall be in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. Operations of the fund should not serve as a means for foreign economic and political interference in the internal affairs of assisted countries and should not be influenced by considerations relating to the nature of their economic and political systems.

4. Assistance should be of a kind and in a form consistent with the wishes of the recipients and should involve no unacceptable conditions for them, whether political, economic, military or other.

5. Assistance from the fund should be provided in such forms and on such terms as are compatible with the continued economic development of the assisted countries, taking due account of their balance of payments position and prospects.

6. Assistance from the fund should be given in a flexible manner and not necessarily be limited to specific projects or groups of projects. Assistance can also be given to support general development plans, where such plans exist, or to meet general development requirements.

7. Resources of the fund must be large enough to make a significant contribution towards the achievement of accelerated and self-sustained economic growth of the less developed countries.

8. While funds should be derived from contributions by all members, the bulk of the contributions to the fund should come from the more developed countries in a readily and economically usable form.

9. The size and nature of the contributions of the less developed countries to the fund should not be such as to hamper the effective mobilization of their resources for their own economic development.

10. Contributions to the fund should ensure the provision of assistance on a long-term and continuing basis.

11. Resources available to the fund should be augmented by a portion of any savings resulting from progress made in internationally supervised world-wide disarmament.

12. Every effort should be made to co-ordinate the assistance rendered by the fund with assistance from other sources, so as to achieve the maximum permanent beneficial effect on the economies of the less developed countries.

1707 (XVI). International trade as the primary instrument for economic development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 623 (VII) of 21 December 1952, 1028 (XI) of 20 February 1957, 1324 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, 1421 (XIV) and 1422 (XIV) of 10 December 1959, and 1519 (XV) and 1520 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Ways and means of promoting wider trade co-operation among States: trade relations between under-developed and industrially advanced countries"³ and the comments thereon voiced in the Eco-

nomie and Social Council,⁴ and endorsing Council resolution 846 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961,

Convinced that the economic development of countries must be based primarily on their own efforts through the utilization of all their productive resources,

Affirming that, for these national efforts to achieve their objectives more rapidly, it is essential that countries should ensure the maximum expansion of their trade and an increase in their foreign exchange income as a result of growth in the volume and value of their exports,

Considering that the importance of such an expansion of trade, especially for under-developed countries or for countries which depend on a narrow range of primary commodities, calls for constant attention to protectionist policies which are detrimental to the growth of international trade, with a view to the achievement of an increasing degree of trade liberalization through the modification of those policies and, where surpluses arise, strict adherence to the principles of surplus disposal recommended by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations⁵ in respect of any possible effects on international markets,

Deeming it necessary that the economic policies of regional and sub-regional economic groupings avoid the introduction and facilitate the elimination of obstacles and restrictions which may hamper the necessary expansion of the trade of the developing and under-developed countries or discourage the indispensable growth of their economies,

Observing that the practices of dumping and the unrestricted disposal of accumulated stocks on international markets impede the progress of countries in the process of economic development, distort the most effective structure of their industries, and depress the levels of production and prices of primary commodities and manufactures,

Recognizing that the developing and under-developed countries have in recent years suffered from their unfavourable terms of trade with industrialized countries and that this trend has resulted in a declining share of the developing and under-developed countries in the gains from international trade and in a chronic gap between their exports earnings and import requirements for development,

Bearing in mind that the instability in primary commodity trade of the developing and the under-developed countries results in variations in their national incomes, in their export earnings and their foreign exchange earnings, and that this instability may often jeopardize the development plans of many countries, which are designed on a long-term basis,

Noting the efforts made and the progress achieved in the study of systems for compensating for the fluctuations in commodity trade, particularly the report of the Committee of Experts on international compensation for fluctuations in commodity trade and on the establishment of a development insurance fund,⁶

Reaffirming that it is the recognized responsibility of the more highly industrialized countries to make all

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4820 and Corr.2), paras. 191 and 192.*

⁴ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Commodity Policy Studies, No. 10, Functions of a World Reserve—Scope and Limitations* (Rome, 1956), appendix III.

⁵ *International Compensation for Fluctuations in Commodity Trade* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 61.II.D.3).

⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda items 2 and 5, documents E/3520 and Add.1.*

appropriate efforts to co-operate in accelerating the economic development of the developing and under-developed countries,

Considering that a faster rate of economic growth is in the interest of all countries and that the United Nations together with other international bodies, as appropriate, should provide ways and means of finding and furthering effective solutions for achieving this purpose,

1. *Urges* the economically developed Member States to take into due account, when formulating and executing their trade and economic policies, the interests of the developing and under-developed countries by making maximum efforts to create conditions through which they extend to these countries advantages not necessarily requiring full reciprocity to improve their economic situation, and to pursue as a matter of great urgency bilateral, multilateral and/or regional negotiations—including, where appropriate, negotiations conducted under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade—to facilitate the necessary expansion of their trade and to attain a satisfactory co-ordination of efforts in the field of trade towards economic development;

2. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, and especially upon the more highly industrialized countries and the developed countries belonging to regional and sub-regional economic groupings:

(a) To promote, through individual or collective measures, the expansion of world trade, particularly by avoiding undue protection of their domestic production;

(b) To avoid measures detrimental to the prospects of international commodity trade for producers outside their own countries or regions;

(c) To make every effort to liberalize the restrictive or discriminatory practices that unnecessarily limit the consumption and importation of commodities, especially those which have undergone maximum processing, from the under-developed and developing countries;

(d) To pursue policies which would promote the industrialization of the developing countries and to avoid practices such as dumping and the unrestricted disposal of accumulated stocks that may hamper this process;

3. *Recommends* that the Governments of Member States, in recognition of the profound concern of normal commercial exporters, pursue policies designed to avoid the harmful effects on international markets that may result from the disposal of surpluses and, to this end, strictly adhere to the principles of surplus disposal recommended by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

4. *Commends* the efforts made by the International Monetary Fund to increase its activities with regard to drawings and standby arrangements in helping the less developed countries to meet seasonal and cyclical maladjustments arising from fluctuations in their export earnings, and expresses the hope that such efforts will continue;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Commission on International Commodity Trade, at its tenth session, and, at their joint session, the Commission on International Commodity Trade and the Committee on Commodity Problems of the Food and Agriculture Organization will consider ways and means of solving the problems created by fluctuations in the commodity export earnings of the developing and under-developed

countries, and urges the above organs to formulate at these sessions specific recommendations in this connexion;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and ascertain their views on the advisability of holding an international conference on international trade problems relating especially to primary commodity markets and, if they deem such a conference advisable, the topics that might be considered for a provisional agenda;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, on the basis of these consultations, to report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session and to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

*1084th plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1708 (XVI). Planning for economic development

The General Assembly,

Convinced of the urgent need of the less developed countries to establish and implement national, all-inclusive and well-integrated development plans to build up their societies in accordance with their own individual precepts,

Realizing that to this end it is necessary to advance further the development of planning techniques that can be adjusted to the specific needs and problems of various countries,

Taking into consideration the growing trend towards the use of different forms of planning in the economic policies of developing countries,

Realizing further that it is imperative that economists, other social scientists and administrators, within and outside government service, be trained without delay in techniques and problems relating to planning so as to permit not only the elaboration of plans but also their execution,

Bearing in mind the initiatives already demonstrated in this connexion, namely that:

(a) Some African States expressed their views in the course of the resumed fifteenth session of the General Assembly in favour of the establishment, under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Africa and with the assistance of the Special Fund, of an economic development institute for Africa for the purpose of training suitable persons in the field of economic development, in particular in the techniques of economic planning and programming,⁷

(b) The Economic Commission for Latin America, in its resolution 199 (IX) of 13 May 1961, requested the establishment, under its auspices, of an institute for planning economic development which would provide advisory services to Governments and engage in training,⁸

(c) The Conference of Asian Economic Planners, held in New Delhi from 26 September to 3 October 1961 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, recommended to the Commission that it consider the establishment of an Asian institute of economic development to overcome the

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 88, document A/4747, para. 4.*

⁸ *See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/3486), part III.*

serious shortage of trained personnel for the formulation and implementation of economic development plans,⁹

Considering that each institute should establish a programme of training fully adjusted to the needs of the countries in each region,

Recalling that the Managing Director of the Special Fund, in his statement to the Governing Council of the Fund on 23 May 1961,¹⁰ announced that on the initiative of regional economic commissions several Governments in Latin America had made requests for that type of project and that similar requests were expected from Africa,

Noting that the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs declared on 5 October 1961 that the increased participation of the regional economic commissions in technical assistance programmes and the establishment under their auspices of economic programming institutes, where Governments will find both advisory services and training facilities for the staff of their economic departments, will provide Governments with new facilities on the regional level, to which they attach so much importance,¹¹

Recalling its resolution 1517 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 777 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 and 830 H (XXXII) of 2 August 1961,

I

1. *Invites* the Governments concerned, acting as appropriate through the regional economic commissions or their appropriate subordinate bodies to be established for this purpose, to submit requests to the Special Fund for assistance needed for the establishment of economic development and planning institutes which will be closely linked to the respective regional economic commissions with a view, *inter alia*, to giving prospective trainees the benefits not only of theoretical but also of practical training and an acquaintance with the important work carried out by the secretariats of the regional economic commissions in their regions;

2. *Invites also* the Economic and Social Council at its resumed thirty-second session to recommend that the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East consider this matter at their forthcoming annual meetings and that the Economic Commission for Europe consider the expansion of its in-service training programme to include a substantial number of fellows from less developed regions;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Special Fund will give prompt and sympathetic consideration to the establishment of the institutes referred to above;

4. *Expresses the hope also* that the Special Fund will give prompt and sympathetic consideration to the establishment of similar institutes which may be proposed by a group of Member States that are not members of any regional economic commission, such institutes to be open to participation by developing countries which are at present members of regional economic commissions;

II

Requests the Secretary-General to establish an Economic Projections and Programming Centre with sub-

⁹ E/CN.11/571, para. 53.

¹⁰ SF/L.51.

¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Second Committee, 717th meeting.*

centres, as appropriate, in the regional economic commissions or institutes of economic development and planning:

(a) To intensify the activities already initiated in this field and to prepare, as soon as practicable, in co-operation with the international agencies concerned, long-term projections of world economic trends in order to facilitate the formulation of national economic plans;

(b) To provide studies of planning techniques under various economic and social systems which would be helpful to national and regional institutes of economic development and planning;

III

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of experts composed with due regard to their familiarity with various planning techniques under different economic systems and in co-operation with the appropriate institutions of different countries, to prepare a study summarizing the experience gained and the techniques in use in the planning of economic development by different countries, and at the same time expresses the hope that the Governments of Member States will help to carry out that study;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to examine the study at its thirty-sixth session and to submit to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session its recommendations concerning the utilization of experience of economic planning in the interests of developing countries;

3. *Further invites* the Secretary-General to prepare a special chapter on questions of economic development planning in one of the forthcoming issues of the *World Economic Survey*.

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19 December 1961.*

1709 (XVI). Decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1518 (XV) of 15 December 1960 on decentralization of the United Nations economic and social activities and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,

Noting the recommendations on economic and social activities contained in part V of the report of the Committee of Experts appointed under General Assembly resolution 1446 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 to review the activities and organization of the Secretariat¹² and the Secretary-General's comments thereon,¹³

1. *Notes with appreciation* the Secretary-General's action and proposed arrangements with regard to decentralization and to the strengthening of the regional economic commissions, as stated in his report to the General Assembly;¹⁴

2. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 823 (XXXII) of 20 July 1961 and the emphasis placed therein on the important functions to be fulfilled

¹² *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 61, document A/4776.

¹³ *Ibid.*, document A/4794.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda items 12, 28, 29 and 30, document A/4911.

by the regional economic commissions in the initiation, implementation and co-ordination of economic and social activities of the United Nations at the regional level;

3. *Commends* the Economic and Social Council for its resolution 856 (XXXII) of 4 August 1961 concerning co-operation between the resident representatives of the Technical Assistance Board and the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions, and the Technical Assistance Committee for its resolution recommending to the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board that he invite the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to present their views on the economic and social factors to be taken into account in the preparation of technical assistance programmes;¹⁵

4. *Urges* the strengthening, without delay, of the secretariats of the regional economic commissions as executive arms of the Organization in the economic and social fields, including technical assistance operations, by means of an increasing delegation to those secretariats of substantive and operational functions and responsibilities and the provision of the requisite resources, including personnel, while maintaining the central substantive functions, including policy guidance and co-ordination, and without affecting the provision of assistance to countries that are not members of any regional economic commission;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take immediate steps towards the full implementation of the policy of decentralization through appropriate administrative arrangements to be decided upon in continuing consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and, when necessary, the Technical Assistance Committee, taking into account the recommendations made by the Committee of Experts to review the activities and Organization of the Secretariat in part V of its report and the Secretary-General's comments thereon;

6. *Urges* that the decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations should, among other things, aim at achieving simplicity of procedure and of administrative methods for technical co-operation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session and to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session on the new organizational measures taken, or to be taken, to enable the secretariats of the regional economic commissions to discharge fully their responsibilities as executive instruments for the programmes of technical co-operation, and on the strengthening of those secretariats as required for the effective execution of the above tasks;

8. *Invites* the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned and the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions further to adjust co-operative arrangements to the extent required by decentralization;

9. *Requests* the regional economic commissions further to develop close co-operation among themselves in their substantive and operational activities, and to

report on the progress made in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council.

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19 December 1961.*

1710 (XVI). United Nations Development Decade A programme for international economic co-operation (I)¹⁶

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the solemn undertaking embodied in the Charter of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and to employ international machinery for the advancement of the economic and social development of all peoples,

Considering that the economic and social development of the economically less developed countries is not only of primary importance to those countries but is also basic to the attainment of international peace and security and to a faster and mutually beneficial increase in world prosperity,

Recognizing that during the decade of the nineteen-fifties considerable efforts to advance economic progress in the less developed countries were made by both the newly developing and the more developed countries,

Noting, however, that in spite of the efforts made in recent years the gap in *per caput* incomes between the economically developed and the less developed countries has increased and the rate of economic and social progress in the developing countries is still far from adequate,

Recalling its resolutions 1421 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1515 (XV), 1516 (XV), 1519 (XV) and 1526 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Convinced of the need for concerted action to demonstrate the determination of Member States to give added impetus to international economic co-operation in the current decade, through the United Nations system and on a bilateral or multilateral basis,

1. *Designates* the current decade as the United Nations Development Decade, in which Member States and their peoples will intensify their efforts to mobilize and to sustain support for the measures required on the part of both developed and developing countries to accelerate progress towards self-sustaining growth of the economy of the individual nations and their social advancement so as to attain in each under-developed country a substantial increase in the rate of growth, with each country setting its own target, taking as the objective a minimum annual rate of growth of aggregate national income of 5 per cent at the end of the Decade;

2. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies:

(a) To pursue policies designed to enable the less developed countries and those dependent on the export of a small range of primary commodities to sell more of their products at stable and remunerative prices in expanding markets, and thus to finance increasingly their own economic development from their earnings of foreign exchange and domestic savings;

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 11, document E/3547, para. 129.*

¹⁶ See also resolution 1715 (XVI) of 19 December 1961.

(b) To pursue policies designed to ensure to the developing countries an equitable share of earnings from the extraction and marketing of their natural resources by foreign capital, in accordance with the generally accepted reasonable earnings on invested capital;

(c) To pursue policies that will lead to an increase in the flow of development resources, public and private, to developing countries on mutually acceptable terms;

(d) To adopt measures which will stimulate the flow of private investment capital for the economic development of the developing countries, on terms that are satisfactory both to the capital-exporting countries and the capital-importing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate to the Governments of Member States any documentation useful for the study and application of the present resolution and to invite them to make proposals, if possible, concerning the contents of a United Nations programme for the Decade and the application of such measures in their respective plans;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking account of the views of Governments and in consultation, as appropriate, with the heads of international agencies with responsibilities in the financial, economic and social fields, the Managing Director of the Special Fund, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the regional economic commissions, to develop proposals for the intensification of action in the fields of economic and social development by the United Nations system of organizations, with particular reference, *inter alia*, to the following approaches and measures designed to further the objectives of paragraph 1 above:

(a) The achievement and acceleration of sound self-sustaining economic development in the less developed countries through industrialization, diversification and the development of a highly productive agricultural sector;

(b) Measures for assisting the developing countries, at their request, to establish well-conceived and integrated country plans—including, where appropriate, land reform—which will serve to mobilize internal resources and to utilize resources offered by foreign sources on both a bilateral and a multilateral basis for progress towards self-sustained growth;

(c) Measures to improve the use of international institutions and instrumentalities for furthering economic and social development;

(d) Measures to accelerate the elimination of illiteracy, hunger and disease, which seriously affect the productivity of the people of the less developed countries;

(e) The need to adopt new measures, and to improve existing measures, for further promoting education in general and vocational and technical training in the developing countries with the co-operation, where appropriate, of the specialized agencies and States which can provide assistance in these fields, and for training competent national personnel in the fields of public administration, education, engineering, health and agronomy;

(f) The intensification of research and demonstration as well as other efforts to exploit scientific and technological potentialities of high promise for accelerating economic and social development;

(g) Ways and means of finding and furthering effective solutions in the field of trade in manufactures

as well as in primary commodities, bearing in mind, in particular, the need to increase the foreign exchange earnings of the under-developed countries;

(h) The need to review facilities for the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of statistical and other information required for charting economic and social development and for providing a constant measurement of progress towards the objectives of the Decade;

(i) The utilization of resources released by disarmament for the purpose of economic and social development, in particular of the under-developed countries;

(j) The ways in which the United Nations can stimulate and support realization of the objectives of the Decade through the combined efforts of national and international institutions, both public and private;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to consult Member States, at their request, on the application of such measures in their respective development plans;

6. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to accelerate its examination of, and decision on, principles of international economic co-operation directed towards the improvement of world economic relations and the stimulation of international co-operation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present his proposals for such a programme to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session for its consideration and appropriate action;

8. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to transmit the Secretary-General's recommendations, together with its views and its report on actions undertaken thereon, to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

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19 December 1961.*

1711 (XVI). Reaffirmation of General Assembly resolution 1522 (XV) on the accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the responsibilities assumed by Member States under the Charter of the United Nations for international economic and social co-operation in promoting higher standards of living and solutions of international economic problems,

Recognizing that the greatest of the present-day economic and social problems is the very low standard of living in the less developed countries,

Concerned that the gap between the standards of living of the great majority of the people of the world, who inhabit the less developed countries, and those of the economically advanced countries is ever widening because of the inadequate rate of economic growth of the less developed countries,

Recognizing further that the primary responsibility for the economic development of the less developed countries, whether through the creation of appropriate social and economic conditions or the generation of internal capital, is and must remain theirs,

Realizing that speedy progress towards the advancement of the less developed countries is possible only

through the concerted co-operative effort of the international community,

Recalling its resolution 1522 (XV) of 15 December 1960 on an accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries, in which it recognized the urgency of the problem for the maintenance of world peace and security and the promotion of better understanding among nations, and expressed the hope that the flow of international assistance and capital for development should be increased substantially so as to reach as soon as possible approximately 1 per cent of the combined national incomes of the economically advanced countries,

Noting with appreciation the information given in the report of the Secretary-General entitled *International Flow of Long-term Capital and Official Donations, 1951-1959*,¹⁷ which shows a progressive increase of that flow during the period,

Noting further that the flow of capital towards the less developed countries in the years 1951-1959 was less than 1 per cent of the combined national incomes of the economically advanced countries,

1. *Expresses again the hope* that the annual flow of international assistance and capital, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the General Assembly resolution 1522 (XV), should be increased substantially so that it might reach as soon as possible approximately 1 per cent of the combined national incomes of the economically advanced countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in making the annual reports called for in paragraph 4 of resolution 1522 (XV) dealing with the progress made towards the objectives of that resolution, to submit information in so far as possible on both gross and net flows of international assistance and capital;

3. *Urges* the Government of the States concerned, the specialized agencies and other related organizations to assist the Secretary-General in the preparation of those reports.

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1712 (XVI). Activities of the United Nations in the field of industrial development

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations which lays upon the Organization the responsibility for promoting higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

Recalling its resolutions 1431 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 and 1525 (XV) of 15 December 1960, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 751 (XXIX) of 12 April 1960, 817 (XXXI) of 28 April 1961 and 839 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961,

Recalling in particular the provision of Economic and Social Council resolution 751 (XXIX) to the effect that the Committee for Industrial Development shall exercise its functions without prejudice to the activities of the regional economic commissions,

Noting with satisfaction the beginning of the work of the Committee for Industrial Development and the results of its first session,

Bearing in mind the organizational recommendations of the Committee for Industrial Development relating to the establishment of the Industrial Development Centre and its decision relating to the establishment of the inter-sessional working group,

Expressing the hope that the Industrial Development Centre will not only collect and disseminate information but will also be an effective instrument for assisting the economically less developed countries in the field of industrialization, by means of imparting to them documentation concerning the latest achievements of science, technology and the planning of industrial development,

Taking into consideration the substantial and constantly increasing interest of the economically less developed countries in accelerating their own industrial development as the main way of diversifying their national economies generally and, thereby, raising the *per caput* income of their populations,

Considering that the less developed countries need the greatest possible assistance and international co-operation in the solution of technical, financial, economic, commercial and social problems connected with the process of industrial development,

Considering further that urgent measures to arrange for international co-operation and assistance to the less developed countries towards their industrialization, under the aegis of the United Nations as well as on a bilateral basis, will make a valuable contribution to the achievement of stable political, economic and social conditions in the world,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of existing specialized agencies active in this field,

1. *Commends* the Committee for Industrial Development for the constructive report on its first session;¹⁸

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed thirty-second session, and the Committee for Industrial Development:

(a) To exert every effort with a view to enabling the Industrial Development Centre to begin its work without delay, one of its objectives being to set up as soon as possible working contacts, in co-operation with the regional economic commissions, with national bodies as well as with industrial and research organizations in charge of, or concerned with, industrial problems in States members of the United Nations system, regardless of their stage of development;

(b) To ensure that the Industrial Development Centre should co-ordinate its activities with the activities of the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in the industrial field, in order to avoid duplication of work and not to impede existing activities;

(c) To devote particular attention to the question of financing industrial development, paying special consideration to the utilization of internal resources for the formation of capital, while taking into account the past and present experience of the highly industrialized and the developing countries;

(d) To take into account, with the assistance of the United Nations institutions concerned, the social implications of the industrialization process;

¹⁸Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3476/Rev.1).

¹⁷United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.II.D.1.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, the Managing Director of the Special Fund and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to inform the Committee for Industrial Development on the assistance rendered by these bodies to the economically less developed countries in the field of industrial development;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Industrial Development to study, in the light of information submitted pursuant to paragraph 3 above, the flow of assistance taking place at the present time under these programmes, and to submit to the Economic and Social Council recommendations aimed at expanding these activities for the benefit of these countries' industrialization;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed thirty-second session, to direct the Committee for Industrial Development to give further consideration to the expansion of United Nations activities in the field of industrial development, in particular to the advisability of establishing a specialized agency or any other appropriate body for industrial development, and to prepare a special report on this question, including, if need be, recommendations regarding the structure and scope of such an organization;

6. *Further requests* the Committee for Industrial Development to submit its report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session, and asks the Council to transmit that report, with its comments, to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

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1713 (XVI). The role of patents in the transfer of technology to under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1429 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 on the possibilities of a further expansion of international contacts, as well as an increased exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of applied science and technology,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 375 (XIII) of 13 September 1951 and of the reports on restrictive business practices prepared by the Secretariat and by the *Ad Hoc* Committee established under the above-mentioned Council resolution,¹⁹

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas will be convened under Economic and Social Council resolution 834 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961,

Bearing in mind that access to knowledge and experience in the field of applied science and technology is essential to accelerate the economic development of under-developed countries and to enlarge the over-all productivity of their economies,

Realizing that the protection of the rights of the patent-holders both in their country of origin and in

¹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/2380); ibid., Supplement No. 11A (E/2379 and Add.1); ibid., Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2671); ibid., Supplement No. 3A (E/2675); and document E/2443.*

foreign countries has contributed to technical research and, therefore, to international and national industrial progress,

Affirming that it is in the best interest of all countries that the international patent system should be applied in such a way as to take fully into account the special needs and requirements of the economic development of under-developed countries, as well as the legitimate claims of patentees,

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with appropriate international and national institutions and with the concurrence of the Governments concerned, to prepare for the Committee for Industrial Development, the Economic and Social Council, and the General Assembly at its eighteenth session, taking into consideration any pertinent discussions which might take place in the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas, a report containing:

(a) A study of the effects of patents on the economy of under-developed countries;

(b) A survey of patent legislation in selected developed and under-developed countries, with primary emphasis on the treatment given to foreign patents;

(c) An analysis of the characteristics of the patent legislation of under-developed countries in the light of economic development objectives, taking into account the need for the rapid absorption of new products and technology, and the rise in the productivity level of their economies;

(d) A recommendation on the advisability of holding an international conference in order to examine the problems regarding the granting, protection and use of patents, taking into consideration the provisions of existing international conventions and the special needs of developing countries, and utilizing the existing machinery of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property.

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1714 (XVI). World Food Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1496 (XV) of 27 October 1960 and Economic and Social Council resolution 832 (XXXII) of 2 August 1960 on the provision of Food surpluses to food-deficient peoples through the United Nations system,

Having considered the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations entitled *Development through Food—A Strategy for Surplus Utilization*,²⁰ the report of the Secretary-General entitled "The role of the United Nations and the appropriate specialized agencies in facilitating the best possible use of food surpluses for the economic development of the less developed countries",²¹ and the joint proposal by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations regarding procedures and arrangements for multilateral utilization of surplus food,²²

²⁰ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, 1961.

²¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/3509.

²² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 28, document A/4907.

Having reviewed the action taken at the eleventh session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization on the utilization of food surpluses and, specifically, its resolution of 24 November 1961 stating that, subject to the concurrence of the General Assembly of the United Nations, an initial experimental programme for three years, to be known as the World Food Programme should be undertaken, having also noted in particular the reference to safeguards contained in paragraph 13 of the above-mentioned resolution,

Recognizing the existing facilities for consultation provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization through its Consultative Sub-Committee on Surplus Disposals,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Development Decade, and in particular the reference in paragraph 4 (d) to the elimination of illiteracy, hunger and disease,

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1. *Approves* the establishment of an experimental World Food Programme to be undertaken jointly by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in co-operation with other interested United Nations agencies and appropriate inter-governmental bodies, bearing in mind that the establishment of such a programme in no way prejudices the bilateral agreements between developed and developing countries, and accepts and endorses the purposes, principles and procedures formulated in the first part of the resolution approved by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization on 24 November 1961, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, including the safeguards mentioned in that resolution and General Assembly resolution 1496 (XV), especially in paragraph 9 thereof;

2. *Approves* specifically the establishment of a United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee of twenty States Members of the United Nations and members of the Food and Agriculture Organization to provide guidance on policy, administration and operations, and of a joint United Nations/FAO administrative unit reporting to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council at its resumed thirty-second session to elect, subject to the provisions of paragraph 9 below, ten States Members of the United Nations and members of the Food and Agriculture Organization to the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee, taking into account:

(a) The representation provided by the ten States that were elected to serve on the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization;

(b) The need for balanced representation of economically developed and developing countries, and other relevant factors such as the representation of potential participating countries, both contributing and recipient, equitable geographical distribution and the representation of both developed and less developed countries having commercial interests in international trade in foodstuffs, especially those highly dependent on such trade;

4. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-third session, in co-operation with the Council

of the Food and Agriculture Organization, to review and to take appropriate action on the procedures and arrangements for the World Food Programme recommended by the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee;

5. *Decides* that pilot projects to be undertaken by the joint United Nations/FAO administrative unit, under the guidance of the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee, involving the use of food as an aid to economic and social development, shall be undertaken in agreement between the Secretary-General, acting on behalf of the United Nations, and the Director-General, acting on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization;

6. *Concurs* in the calling of a conference where States Members of the United Nations and members of the Food and Agriculture Organization will be invited to pledge contributions;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, to convene such a conference at United Nations Headquarters as soon as feasible after the concurrent sessions of the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization;

8. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the Food and Agriculture Organization, in considering their contributions, to make every effort to assure the early attainment, on a voluntary basis, of the \$100 million programme;

9. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization, at its next regular session following the pledging conference, to review the composition of the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee and to make, by election for the balance of the three-year programme, any adjustments of membership that might be deemed desirable in the light of the considerations outlined in paragraph 3 above;

10. *Instructs* the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee, in preparing recommendations on the conditions and procedures for the establishment and operation of the programme for the review and approval by the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization, to proceed on the basis of the present resolution and the resolution of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of 24 November 1961, taking into account the joint proposal by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization regarding procedures and arrangements for the multilateral utilization of surplus food,²² statements made during the debates in the General Assembly and in the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization and such other conditions and procedures as may seem to it appropriate;

11. *Recommends* that Governments requesting assistance under this programme, the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee, and the joint United Nations/FAO administrative unit responsible for the administration of the program, keep the resident representatives fully informed about, and, within their field of competence, associated with, activities undertaken under the programme;

12. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and

Agriculture Organization to ensure that, in carrying out the programme, the joint United Nations/FAO administrative unit rely to the fullest extent possible on the existing staff and facilities of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization, as well as other appropriate inter-governmental agencies;

13. *Requests* the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee to report annually to the Economic and Social Council and to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization on the progress made in the development of the programme and on its administration and operation;

14. *Decides* to undertake, not later than at its nineteenth session, a general review of the programme, taking into account the objectives of its resolution 1496 (XV);

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Recognizing that the experimental programme outlined above constitutes a step towards the broader objectives outlined in its resolution 1496 (XV),

Recognizing further that the ultimate solution to this problem of food deficiency lies in self-sustaining economic growth of the economies of the less developed countries to the point where they find it possible to meet their food requirements from their food-producing industries or from the proceeds of their expanding export trade,

Recognizing that the effective utilization of available surplus foodstuffs, in ways compatible with the principles of surplus disposal recommended by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, provides an important transitional means of relieving the hunger and malnutrition of food-deficient peoples, particularly in the less developed countries, and for assisting these countries in their economic development,

Recognizing further that food aid is not a substitute for other types of assistance, in particular for capital goods,

1. *Recognizes* that food aid to be provided under this programme should take into account other forms of assistance and country plans for economic and social development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and with interested groups or agencies, and jointly where appropriate, to undertake, as soon as feasible, expert studies which would aid in the consideration of the future development of multilateral food programmes;

3. *Expresses the hope* that, in the light of these studies and of the experience gained, the progress of the experimental programme will be such as to permit the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization to consider the possibility and advisability of increasing the programme, taking into account the advantages to developing countries, the interests of the contributing States, the interests of the food-exporting countries, the effectiveness of the programme and its contribution to the objectives of General Assembly resolution 1496 (XV);

4. *Endorses again* the Freedom from Hunger Campaign launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization, and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and

Agriculture Organization, simultaneously with the implementation of the present resolution, to pay particular attention to the necessity of improving and increasing local food production and to include, where appropriate, reference to this subject in the reports mentioned above, and requests the United Nations/FAO Inter-Governmental Committee to consider the possibility of applying to this purpose a reasonable proportion of resources resulting from the World Food Programme.

*1084th plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

ANNEX

PART I OF THE RESOLUTION ON THE UTILIZATION OF FOOD SURPLUSES ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON 24 NOVEMBER 1961

The Conference,

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Resolves, subject to the concurrence of the General Assembly of the United Nations, that:

1. An initial experimental programme for three years of approximately \$100 million with contributions on a voluntary basis be undertaken jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Nations, in co-operation with other United Nations agencies, and appropriate inter-governmental bodies;

2. Contributions to the programme, to be known as the World Food Programme, may be pledged by countries in the form of appropriate commodities, acceptable services, and cash aiming in the aggregate at a cash component of at least one-third of the total contributions, and countries should give due regard to the importance of achieving this over-all objective when determining the cash element in their contribution;

3. An Inter-Governmental Committee of twenty nations which are members of FAO or the United Nations be established to provide guidance on policy, administration and operations, as outlined in paragraphs 11 and 12 of part III of the joint report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General;

4. The Committee be elected half by the FAO Council and half by the United Nations, taking into account the need for balanced representation of economically developed countries and of less developed countries and other relevant factors. In appointing its representative each Government should pay due regard to the complexities of the executive and operational planning required for the proposed programme;

5. The Inter-Governmental Committee meet in Rome early in 1962 to develop detailed procedures and arrangements for the Programme on the basis of this resolution, taking due account of the joint report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General and giving consideration to the views expressed in reports of meetings related to this subject held under the auspices of FAO and the United Nations;

6. The procedures and arrangements drawn up by the Inter-Governmental Committee be reviewed and approved in concurrent sessions of the Council of FAO and the Economic and Social Council in New York in April 1962;

7. A conference for contributing countries to pledge their contributions in accordance with paragraph 2 above be convened by the Secretary-General and the Director-General after the concurrent sessions of the FAO Council and the Economic and Social Council;

8. The FAO Council and the Economic and Social Council, at their next regular meetings following the pledging conference, should make any adjustment of country composition on the Inter-Governmental Committee (of twenty) that might be deemed desirable in view of the considerations mentioned in paragraph 4 above;

9. Subject to the guidance of the Inter-Governmental Committee, the Programme will be carried on by a joint FAO/

United Nations administrative unit located at FAO Headquarters in Rome and reporting to both the Director-General and the Secretary-General, with the costs of administration and operation under this resolution to be met from contributions to the programme;

10. In the administration of the Programme attention should be paid to:

(a) Establishing adequate and orderly procedures on a world basis for meeting emergency food needs and emergencies inherent in chronic malnutrition (this could include the establishment of food reserves);

(b) Assisting in pre-school and school feeding; and

(c) Implementing pilot projects, with the multilateral use of food as an aid to economic and social development, particularly when related to labour-intensive projects and rural welfare;

11. Projects should be undertaken only in response to requests from the recipient country or countries concerned;

12. The administration of the proposed Programme will require close co-operation, particularly on development projects, between FAO and the United Nations, as well as with appropriate United Nations agencies, and other appropriate inter-governmental bodies;

13. The Inter-Governmental Committee shall ensure that:

(i) In accordance with the FAO principles of surplus disposal and with the consultative procedures established by the Committee on Commodity Problems, and in conformity with the United Nations General Assembly resolution 1496 (XV), particularly paragraph 9, commercial markets and normal and developing trade are neither interfered with nor disrupted;

(ii) The agricultural economy in recipient countries is adequately safeguarded with respect both to its domestic markets and the effective development of food production;

(iii) Due consideration is given to safeguarding normal commercial practices in respect to acceptable services.

1715 (XVI). United Nations Development Decade A programme for international economic co-operation (II)²³

The General Assembly,

Having designated the United Nations Development Decade, in its resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, as a period of intensified co-operation among all peoples on behalf of those living in the less developed countries,

Convinced that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund can play an increasingly important role in this major international effort,

Recognizing the necessity of making the fullest possible use of the available financial resources of the Special Fund,

1. Calls upon States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to review their contributions to the support of the work of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund so that the combined budgets for these two organs in the year 1962 may reach the target of \$150 million;

2. Requests the Special Fund, following consultations with participating Governments but not later than June 1962, to consider the desirability of establishing a service to provide developing countries, upon request, with information and guidance concerning the policies, rules, regulations and practices of existing and future

sources of development capital and assistance necessary to enable the less developed countries to determine for themselves the most appropriate sources to which they may turn for assistance as needed.

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19 December 1961.*

1716 (XVI). Confirmation of the allocation of Funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1962

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Technical Assistance Committee has reviewed and approved the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the biennium 1961 and 1962,

1. Confirms the allocation of funds authorized by the Technical Assistance Committee to each of the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance from contributions, general resources and local costs assessments, as follows:

<i>Participating organization</i>	<i>Allocation (Equivalent of US dollars)</i>
United Nations	8,092,082
International Labour Organisation	3,947,229
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	9,557,874
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	6,161,880
International Civil Aviation Organization	1,441,354
World Health Organization	6,435,048
International Telecommunication Union	777,985
World Meteorological Organization ..	598,896
International Atomic Energy Agency ..	732,065
	TOTAL 37,744,413

2. Concurs in the Committee's authorization to the Technical Assistance Board to allocate to the participating organizations an undistributed amount of \$10,169 not included in the amount shown above, as well as up to \$2,432,360 to take into account General Assembly resolution 1658 (XVI) of 28 November 1961 on base salary scales and post adjustments of the staff in the professional and higher categories of the international civil service, and to make changes in these allocations, as may be necessary, to provide as far as possible for the full utilization of contributions to the Expanded Programme and to allow appropriate revisions in the supplementary programme, provided that such changes shall not in the aggregate exceed 3 percent of the total amount allocated to the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme.

*1084th plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1717 (XVI). African educational development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1415 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 and 1515 (XV) and 1527 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Recognizing the importance of planned and co-ordinated educational development in promoting the economic and social development of African countries,

Recognizing also the importance of co-ordinating educational plans with over-all national plans for economic

²³ See also resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961.

and social development in order that education may adequately fit the specific requirements of each country's present stage of development,

Welcoming the decisions of the Conference of African States on the Development of Education in Africa convoked jointly by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa and the *Outline of a Plan for African Educational Development* established by the African States at that Conference,²⁴ embodying broad targets and priorities, particularly for second-level education, costs and national contributions for the period 1961-1965,

1. *Calls upon* the African countries to continue to devote increasing and ample resources to the development of education in their territories, in accordance with the broad targets of the five-year programme set forth in the *Outline of a Plan for African Educational Development*;

2. *Notes*, however, that, in spite of increasing national allocation to education, the financial deficit faced by the African countries is estimated, in relation to these targets, at:

\$140,000,000 for 1961;
\$150,000,000 for 1962;
\$260,000,000 for 1963;
\$310,000,000 for 1964;
\$450,000,000 for 1965;

3. *Notes further* that, while the deficit for 1961 is covered by external aid, the amount of such aid, if deficits in subsequent years are to be met, will have to be considerably increased;

4. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to contribute financial and technical assistance to the African countries in accordance with the needs of these countries, taking into account the estimate of the Conference for the years 1961-1965;

5. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 837 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961 which invites the support of all the appropriate organs of the United Nations, including the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund, as well as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other agencies of the United Nations system, including the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, to help the African countries in every way in putting into effect the decisions of the Conference;

6. *Calls upon* the inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations outside the United Nations system which are active in the field of education to extend their full co-operation with a view to fulfilling the objectives assigned by the Conference;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to convene in 1963, jointly with the economic Commission for Africa, another Conference of African States to review the execution, costs and targets of the plan adopted by the Conference, and to analyse national educational programmes with a view to assisting the integration of

these programmes in over-all national development plans.

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19 December 1961.

1718 (XVI). Economic development of Africa

The General Assembly,

Noting that low standards of living continue to prevail all over Africa,

Conscious of the urgent necessity to take measures to strengthen and consolidate the economic independence of the African States,

Affirming that, while the primary responsibility for rapid economic development and social progress rests with the African States themselves, concerted international co-operation has a very important role to play in the economic and social development of Africa,

Convinced that diversification of production, industrialization and the development of highly productive agriculture are crucially important for the economic advancement of all African States,

Bearing in mind the necessity to further an accelerating pace of economic and social development of the African States within the framework of well-integrated long-term plans,

Appreciating the willingness of Member States to contribute significantly to an international programme for African development,

Bearing in mind also the importance of international trade to the economic development of African States and other under-developed countries and the necessity of taking appropriate measures to improve the terms of trade in favour of exporters of primary commodities and of eliminating the excessive fluctuations of the prices of these products, so that African States can increasingly finance their economic development from expanding earnings of foreign exchange,

Affirming that it is essential to expand the volume of domestic savings and the inflow of foreign investment capital, public and private, for financing an accelerating rate of economic development in African States,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1519 (XV), 1520 (XV), 1521 (XV), 1522 (XV), and 1527 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and Economic Commission for Africa resolutions 25 (III) of 15 February 1961, 27 (III) and 29 (III) of 16 February 1961, and 31 (III) of 17 February 1961, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 831 (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 and 836 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1527 (XV) of 15 December 1960, particularly paragraphs 3 and 4 thereof;

2. *Urges* the establishment, within the Economic Commission for Africa, of a programming institution to complement the work of the Economic Projections and Programming Centre envisaged under General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI) of 19 December 1961;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To lend his full support to the establishment, under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Africa and, at the request of the Governments concerned, with the assistance of the Special Fund, of an African institute of economic development and planning which will provide advisory services and train qualified personnel in the field of economic develop-

²⁴ Transmitted to members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/4903).

ment, especially in the techniques of economic planning and development;

(b) To provide, on request, through the Economic Commission for Africa and its institute of economic development and planning when it is established, the advisory services and other technical assistance required for the preparation of national and regional development plans;

4. *Requests* the Economic Commission for Africa, acting through its Executive Secretary and with the fullest assistance of the Secretary-General:

(a) To convene as soon as possible, in consultation with the appropriate institutions and organs and under the auspices of the Standing Committee on Trade of the Economic Commission for Africa, a meeting of African countries to examine their policies on international trade and to work out immediate and common solutions regarding the disposal of their principal products on external markets;

(b) To prepare a further and up-to-date study of the impacts, on a short-term basis as well as in the long run, of the European economic groupings on the trade and economic development of the associated as well as the non-associated African countries;

(c) To study further, in consultation with the Governments of African countries and appropriate institutions:

- (i) The measures required for increasing the volume of domestic savings in the African countries;
- (ii) The measures necessary for accelerating the flow of foreign public and private capital to African countries and to report on these measures to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session;

5. *Urges* the importance of establishing regional economic development banks for Africa taking into account the study called for in resolution 27 (III) of the Economic Commission for Africa, and requests the Secretary-General to consult with the appropriate institutions, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, on the immediate steps necessary for the early establishment of these regional development banks;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the authority and increase the substantive and operational functions of the Economic Commission for Africa and to provide it with the requisite personnel and other resources in keeping with the policy of decentralization, as reaffirmed in General Assembly resolution 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961;

7. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session to examine the progress achieved

in the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

*1084th plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1719 (XVI). Population growth and economic development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1217 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and Economic and Social Council resolution 820 (XXXI) of 28 April 1961,

Recommends that the item entitled "Population growth and economic development" should be included in the agenda of its seventeenth session in view of the fact that a draft resolution on this item²⁵ was distributed to the Second Committee on 1 December 1961 but could not be considered because of lack of time.

*1084th plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1720 (XVI). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1314 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Desiring to promote the strengthening of permanent sovereignty of peoples and nations over their natural wealth and resources,

1. *Expresses its thanks* for the revised study on the status of permanent sovereignty over natural wealth and resources, prepared by the United Nations Secretariat;²⁶

2. *Requests* that arrangements be made speedily for the printing of that study, together with the report of the Commission on Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources,²⁷ so that these documents may be available to all who wish to consult them for the useful information they contain;

3. *Decides* that the United Nations work on permanent sovereignty over natural wealth and resources shall be continued and recommends that priority be given for the discussion of this matter in the Second Committee at its next session.

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19 December 1961.*

²⁵Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 84 document A/5059, para. 4.

²⁶A/AC.97/5/Rev.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

²⁷Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/3511.

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1666 (XVI). Draft International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Having made progress in the preparation of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights,

Not having been able, however, to complete its work relating to the Covenants at its sixteenth session,

Decides to take up the item entitled "Draft International Covenants on Human Rights" as soon as possible at its seventeenth session and at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of that item.

*1075th plenary meeting,
11 December 1961.*

1671 (XVI). Problem raised by the situation of Angolan refugees in the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having been apprised of the situation of the refugees from Angola in the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville),

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Government of the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville), in co-operation with the United Nations in the Congo, the League of Red Cross Societies and other voluntary organizations, to provide those refugees with immediate assistance and to help them to become self-supporting until they can return to their own homes,

Recognizing that it is desirable to maintain unity of action in the further provision of assistance in an area where the needs of the refugees cannot, in practice, be separated from those of the local population,

1. *Recommends that the United Nations in the Congo, in close liaison with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the organizations mentioned above, should continue to provide emergency assistance for as long as is necessary and enable the refugees to become self-supporting as soon as possible;*

2. *Requests the High Commissioner to continue to lend his good offices in seeking appropriate solutions to the problem arising from the presence of Angolan refugees in the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville), inter alia, by facilitating, in close collaboration with the authorities and organizations directly concerned, the voluntary repatriation of those refugees;*

3. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to make available to the competent organs of the United Nations the means required for the measures of assistance mentioned above.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1672 (XVI). Refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹

Recalling its resolutions 1389 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 and 1500 (XV) of 5 December 1960,

Considering the action taken by the High Commissioner and the encouraging results achieved during the World Refugee Year,

Noting with appreciation the progress made on behalf of refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia,

Observing with regret that the problem which is the cause of this situation has not yet been solved,

Recognizing that the living conditions of those refugees, and in particular those of the children, remain precarious and require constant improvement,

Considering the temporary nature of the situation of those refugees,

Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to:

(a) Continue his present action jointly with the League of Red Cross Societies until those refugees return to their homes;

(b) Use the means at his disposal to assist in the orderly return of those refugees to their homes and consider the possibility, when necessary, of facilitating their resettlement in their homeland as soon as circumstances permit;

(c) Persist in his efforts to secure the resources which will enable him to complete this task.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1673 (XVI). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees² and having heard his statement before the Third Committee,³

Taking note of the progress achieved in respect of the international protection of refugees and in seeking permanent solutions to refugee problems through voluntary repatriation, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts made by the High Commissioner to complete in the near future the major aid programmes for "old" refugees in Europe,

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/4771/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11A (A/4771/Rev.1/Add.1).*

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Third Committee, 1112th meeting.

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the High Commissioner in his various fields of activity for groups of refugees for whom he lends his good offices,

Noting further with satisfaction the assistance he can give those refugees in handling the contributions designed to provide for their assistance and in utilizing the emergency fund established under General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957,

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to pursue his activities on behalf of the refugees within his mandate or those for whom he extends his good offices, and to continue to report to the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme and to abide by directions which that Committee might give him in regard to situations concerning refugees;

2. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to continue to lend their support to the alleviation of refugee problems still awaiting solution:

(a) By improving the legal status of refugees residing in their territory;

(b) By facilitating the voluntary repatriation, resettlement or local integration of refugees;

(c) By providing the High Commissioner with the necessary financial means for the accomplishment of the tasks incumbent upon him and, in particular, by enabling him to reach the financial targets established with the approval of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1674 (XVI). Balanced and co-ordinated economic and social development

The General Assembly,

Affirming its belief that economic development and social development are interrelated and that the fullest possible satisfaction of social needs must be the ultimate goal of all measures designed to foster economic development,

Recalling its resolution 1392 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on the interrelationship of the economic and social factors of development,

Recalling also its resolution 1161 (XII) of 26 November 1957 on balanced and integrated economic and social progress, as well as its resolution 1258 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 requesting the Economic and Social Council, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, to consider social programmes and policies designed to accelerate economic growth, meet the problems resulting from economic and technological change, and raise standards of living by, *inter alia*, avoiding an inequitable distribution of national income,

Being conscious, therefore, of the importance of planning for balanced and co-ordinated development in the economic and social fields,

Noting the useful work on this subject accomplished so far by some organs of the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions,

Considering that further study of this question may be of particular value to the economically less developed countries,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolutions 830 A (XXXII) and 830 H (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 concerning the *Report on the World Social Situation*⁴ and balanced co-ordinated economic and social development,

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Economic and Social Council to continue the study of the question of balanced and co-ordinated economic and social development,

2. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council, the regional economic commissions, the Committee for Industrial Development, the Social Commission and the specialized agencies concerned should continue to pay special attention to problems of balanced economic and social development, taking into account the interaction of economic growth and social development and all valuable experience of countries of various economic and social systems;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to recommend, after appropriate studies, measures which may be helpful primarily to the less developed countries in planning for balanced and co-ordinated economic and social development;

4. *Recommends further* that the Special Fund should take this question into consideration when providing assistance to requesting countries;

5. *Expresses the wish* that the regional institutes of economic development which are in the process of being created in the various regions under United Nations auspices would include in their terms of reference the study of social factors affecting economic development;

6. *Believes* that an exchange of experience in the field of co-ordination of economic and social development will be fruitful.

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18 December 1961.*

1675 (XVI). Strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the social field

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1392 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 in which it recognized that economic development and social development are interrelated and that social progress is an end in itself as well as a means of furthering economic development,

Recalling further its resolutions 1393 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on low-cost housing and 1508 (XV) of 12 December 1960 on low-cost housing and related community facilities,

Taking note of recommendation No. 115 concerning workers' housing adopted by the International Labour Organisation at its forty-fifth Conference on 28 June 1961,

Having considered chapters VI and VIII of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly,⁵

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the action taken by the Economic and Social Council to strengthen the activities of the United Nations in the social field, particularly

the decision to enlarge the Social Commission and to convene it annually, the establishment of the *ad hoc* group of experts on the relation of community development programmes to national development programmes including land reform, the establishment of the *ad hoc* group of experts on housing and urban development, and the Council's request that the Social Commission reappraise its basic direction with a view to giving increased attention to matters of social policy;

2. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 841 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961 designed to bring about close co-ordination between the programmes of industrialization, rural development, urbanization and housing;

3. *Calls the attention* of Governments of Member States and the appropriate authorities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to the necessity of closely co-ordinated action in dealing with the problems relating to those programmes;

4. *Expresses its satisfaction* that the Economic and Social Council will give consideration, at its thirty-third session, to having a combined plenary debate on world economic trends and the world social situation at its thirty-fourth session, thus giving practical recognition to the interdependence of economic and social factors in development;

5. *Requests* that the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of the information gathered in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1508 (XV), consider proposals to expand and co-ordinate international programmes and give assistance, at the request of Governments, to national programmes in the field of low-cost housing and related community facilities;

6. *Expresses its strong support* of the hope expressed in Economic and Social Council resolution 840 J (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 that all necessary provision will be made to enable the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to discharge effectively its responsibilities in the social field, in particular those relating to research, operational programmes, United Nations Children's Fund projects concerned with social services for children and those arising from the increased activities in the social field of the regional economic commissions.

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18 December 1961.*

1676 (XVI). Urbanization

The General Assembly,

Having noted Economic and Social Council resolution 830 B (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 in which the Council approved the proposal for concerted international action in the field of urbanization,

Recognizing the magnitude of problems stemming from the growing concentration of population in urban and metropolitan areas, *inter alia*, the increasing volume of investment required to provide sufficient employment and to establish and maintain social and physical services and facilities in those areas,

Recognizing further the difficulty of adaptation to urban life of people from rural areas, the inadequacy of urban institutions designed to facilitate such adaptation and transition, and the lack of basic research, studies and evaluation of successful techniques in those fields,

⁴United Nations publication, Sales No.: 61.IV.4.

⁵*Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4820).*

1. *Recommends* that Governments of Member States assess the adequacy of measures dealing with various aspects of the urbanization process and review their national policies and programmes affecting urbanization;

2. *Recommends further* that Governments designate existing, or establish new, organizations as national centres on urbanization in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 830 B (XXXII);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to suggest appropriate ways of organizing among such centres an international exchange of the results of research and studies and of practical experience in the field of urbanization;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned to co-operate with Governments in carrying out the necessary basic research and studies, in formulating comprehensive plans for urban and regional development and in establishing and expanding the required community service and facilities;

5. *Invites* Governments to enlist citizens' participation in such programmes.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1677 (XVI). Co-operation for the eradication of illiteracy throughout the world

The General Assembly,

Expressing its concern at the fact that there at present exists, in many countries of the world, mass illiteracy which, in several countries, extends to a great part of the population and acts as a brake upon the advance, both of individual countries and of human society as a whole, along the path of economic and social progress,

Confirming its resolutions 330 (IV) of 2 December 1949, 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 1049 (XI) of 20 February 1957 and 1463 (XIV) of 12 December 1959, recommending the establishment of free and compulsory primary education and the raising of such education to the level enjoyed by the peoples of the advanced countries,

Having regard to its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 768 (XXX) of 21 July 1960 on co-operation on behalf of newly independent countries and 837 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961 on African educational development,

Convinced of the great importance of literacy and general education to the development of peaceful and friendly relations among nations and peoples,

Sharing the view that the literacy campaign and assistance in all fields of education should be the responsibility of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Bearing in mind the usefulness of the efforts made by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the promotion of literacy and education in general, and particularly of the decision taken by that organization, at the eleventh session of its General Conference, in resolution 8.63 of 15 December 1960,

Noting that even greater efforts are called for, at the present time, with a view to eradicating mass illiteracy throughout the world as speedily as possible,

1. *Invites* the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization:

(a) To make a general review, at a regular session of its General Conference, of the question of the eradication of mass illiteracy throughout the world, with the object of working out concrete and effective measures, at the international and national levels, for such eradication;

(b) To present, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at a regular session a survey of the position in the world with regard to the extension of universal literacy, together with recommendations on the measures which might be taken, within the framework of the United Nations, for co-operation in the eradication of illiteracy;

2. *Calls* for the extension of effective assistance for the eradication of illiteracy and the promotion of education of all kinds to the developing countries both bilaterally and within the framework of the United Nations and its specialized agencies;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Governments of those countries will assign, in their programmes of social development, prime importance to the problem of eradicating illiteracy.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1678 (XVI). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the basic importance of child welfare programmes, not only to the future well-being of children but also to the role they will play as useful and productive members of society,

Noting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund entitled "Survey of the needs of children",⁶ the decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund following from his report, and Economic and Social Council resolution 827 (XXXII) of 28 July 1961 by which the Council endorsed those decisions,

Expressing its satisfaction that the Fund has thus taken steps to translate still more effectively the provisions of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child⁷ into improved programmes of welfare for children,

1. *Endorses* the new emphasis and approach represented by those decisions, in particular those aspects which will assist developing countries desiring to:

(a) Make intensive and integrated surveys of child needs for the purpose of identifying those priority needs which might most effectively be met by national and international action;

(b) Draw up long-term plans and programmes for child welfare on the basis of such surveys;

⁶ Report by the Executive Director (E/ICEF/410 and Add.1) and supplementary reports by the Bureau of Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (E/ICEF/411-415 and 415/Add.1.).

⁷ Resolution 1386 (XIV) of 20 November 1959.

(c) Formulate projects which offer additional opportunities for the increasingly effective integration in such national programmes of external assistance;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to support the United Nations Children's Fund in this policy, especially by making available adequate and appropriate technical services, including in particular those relating to social services for children and to training programmes;

3. *Commends* the report entitled "Survey of the needs of children" to Governments for study and for distribution to their national agencies which have responsibilities in the field of child welfare;

4. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies for their continued collaboration with the Fund in programmes for the promotion of child welfare;

5. *Expresses the hope* that those agencies will cooperate fully with the implementation of the new emphasis and approach of the programmes of the Fund, particularly by assisting countries wishing to draw up and implement longer-term programmes for child welfare within the framework of their economic and social development plans;

6. *Requests* the resident representatives of the Technical Assistance Board, in promoting the co-ordination of these efforts, to continue to offer every possible assistance to the Governments and agencies concerned;

7. *Expresses its conviction* that the progressive outlook of the Fund, the new emphasis and approach in its policy and its capacity to adapt programmes to the evolving needs of the developing countries will be recognized by a continuation and strengthening of the financial support necessary to sustain both its traditional and its extended activities;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* of, and encourages, the participation of the non-governmental organizations both in efforts to promote the work of the Fund in developing countries and in the task of increasing the resources available to the Fund.

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18 December 1961.*

1679 (XVI). Human rights fellowships

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955 authorizing the Secretary-General to provide advisory services in the field of human rights in the form of advisory services of experts, fellowships and scholarships, and seminars,

Noting that a number of seminars have been successfully organized under that programme, and also that services of experts are available in response to requests from Member States, but that thus far seminars are the only part of the programme that has been developed,

Believing that fellowships can further contribute to the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms by providing opportunities for qualified persons concerned with matters relating to human rights to enlarge their knowledge and experience,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council has expressed similar views in its resolution 825 (XXXII) of 27 July 1961, adopted on the recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights,

Noting further that the present resources of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights have proved sufficient only for the convening of three seminars each year,

1. *Decides*, therefore, that the resources for the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights should be increased to permit the provision of a number of human rights fellowships each year, in addition to the seminars;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in publicizing that programme, to draw the attention of Member States to the fact that funds are available for fellowships under the programme and to the reports of the seminars already held, as well as to the problems and questions discussed in those seminars, as a source of suggestions for topics which may be usefully examined and studied by recipients of human rights fellowships;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of Member States to the reports of the various seminars thus far convened in the hope that they will provide information and stimuli to Members with similar interests who did not participate in the seminars.

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18 December 1961.*

1680 (XVI). Draft Convention and draft Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages

The General Assembly,

Having noted the progress made in the preparation of a draft Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages,

Decides to assign priority, at its seventeenth session, to the consideration of the remaining articles of the draft Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages and to that of the draft Recommendation approved by the Commission on the Status of Women, devoting to that consideration the number of meetings necessary for its completion.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1681 (XVI). Draft Convention on Freedom of Information

The General Assembly,

Having made progress in the preparation of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information at its fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth sessions,

Not having been able, however, to complete the draft Convention,

Decides to take up the item entitled "Draft Convention on Freedom of Information" as soon as possible at its seventeenth session and at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of that item.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1682 (XVI). Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum

The General Assembly,

Considering that the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum apparently cannot, in the present state of the work, usefully be discussed,

Decides to take up the item entitled "Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum" as soon as possible at its seventeenth session and at that session to devote the necessary number of meetings to the consideration of that item.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1683 (XVI). Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information

The General Assembly,

Not having been able to consider at its sixteenth session the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information submitted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 756 (XXIX) of 21 April 1960,

Decides to consider the item entitled "Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information" at its seventeenth session.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1684 (XVI). Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Not having been able to consider at its sixteenth session the question of manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance submitted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 826 B (XXXII) of 27 July 1961,

Decides to take up the item entitled "Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance" as soon as possible at its seventeenth session and at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of that item.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

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1626 (XVI). The future of Western Samoa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1569 (XV) of 18 December 1960 concerning the future of the Trust Territory of Western Samoa under New Zealand administration,

Taking note of Trusteeship Council resolution 2102 (XXVII) of 7 July 1961,

Having examined the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner¹ concerning the plebiscite held in Western Samoa on 9 May 1961,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the Administering Authority and of the Prime Minister of Western Samoa,

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4840.*

1. *Expresses its high appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa and his staff, and of the co-operation he received from the Administering Authority and from the Government and people of Western Samoa;

2. *Endorses* the results of the plebiscite, namely that:

(a) The people of Western Samoa have, by an overwhelming majority, expressed their agreement with the Constitution for an independent State of Western Samoa adopted by the Constitutional Convention on 28 October 1960;

(b) The people of Western Samoa have agreed by an overwhelming majority that on 1 January 1962 Western Samoa should become an independent State on the basis of that Constitution;

3. *Resolves*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that the Trusteeship Agreement for Western Samoa approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force upon the accession of Western Samoa to independence on 1 January 1962;

4. *Expresses the hope* that Western Samoa, on the attainment of independence, will be admitted to membership in the United Nations, should it so desire.

*1039th plenary meeting,
18 October 1961.*

1627 (XVI). Assassination of the Prime Minister of Burundi

The General Assembly,

Having learnt with indignation and profound grief of the assassination of the Prime Minister of Burundi, Prince Rwagasore,

Recalling its resolutions 1579 (XV) of 20 December 1960 and 1605 (XV) of 21 April 1961,

Considering that Ruanda-Urundi is a Trust Territory and that the accountability of the Administering Authority to the United Nations, in accordance with the Trusteeship Agreement, is involved,

Considering further that an inquiry and punishment of those responsible for the dastardly act are called for,

1. *Expresses its sense of shock and abhorrence* at the murder of the Prime Minister of Burundi;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi to visit the scene immediately in order to carry out without delay an investigation of the circumstances of the Prime Minister's tragic death and to submit a preliminary report to the General Assembly as soon as possible.

*1041st plenary meeting,
23 October 1961.*

1642 (XVI). The future of Tanganyika

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1609 (XV) of 21 April 1961 concerning the future of the Trust Territory of Tanganyika,

Noting that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Tanganyika have since then agreed that

Tanganyika should become independent on 9 December 1961,

Noting further that the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-seventh session took note with satisfaction of the advancement of the date of independence for Tanganyika from 28 December 1961 to 9 December 1961 and drew the attention of the General Assembly to this date for appropriate action at its current session,

1. *Resolves*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that the Trusteeship Agreement for Tanganyika, approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946, shall cease to be in force upon the accession of Tanganyika to independence on 9 December 1961;

2. *Recommends* that, upon the attainment of its independence on 9 December 1961, Tanganyika shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1643 (XVI). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1611 (XV) of 21 April 1961, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a further report on the scholarships offered by Member States to students from Trust Territories, and on their utilization,

Recalling further that the United Nations scholarship programme for students from Trust Territories established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 753 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 is administered under the procedure approved by the Trusteeship Council at its thirteenth session,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General³ and of part I, chapter VI, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council;⁴

2. *Notes with regret* that full use is not being made of all offers of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;

3. *Urges* the Administering Authorities to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of offers by Member States of study and training facilities;

4. *Urges* that closer liaison be established between the Secretariat and Member States offering the study and training facilities, to ensure the fullest exchange of information regarding the granting and utilization of the offers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report on the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States, which should include, among other

² *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document T/1093.*

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 13, 50 and 51, documents A/4876 and Add.1.*

⁴ *Ibid., Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4818).*

things, detailed information on the offers of scholarships and training facilities and their actual utilization and, in cases of non-utilization, the reasons for the failure of Trust Territories to take advantage of the offers.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1644 (XVI). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1607 (XV) of 21 April 1961 whereby the General Assembly, inter alia:

(a) Requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to establish, without any further delay, in Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and New Guinea, United Nations information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories concerned,

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to ensure the immediate and mass publication and the widest possible circulation and dissemination, in all the Trust Territories through all media of mass communication, of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, and to ensure that the information should be disseminated in the principal local languages as well as in the language of the Administering Authority,

Having perused the report of the Secretary-General¹⁵ prepared in accordance with resolution 1607 (XV),

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the establishment on 16 June 1961 at Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, and at Usumbura, Ruanda-Urundi, of United Nations information centres and also of the training of qualified indigenous inhabitants for positions of responsibility in those two centres;

2. *Takes further note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination in the Trust Territories through all media of mass communication, in the principal local languages as well as in the language of the Administering Authority, of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, of information on the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System, and on the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps, in consultation with the Administering Authority concerned, to establish without any further delay in New Guinea in 1962 a United Nations information centre in which responsible positions would be occupied by indigenous inhabitants of the Territory;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report concerning the implementation of the present resolution.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 13, 50 and 51, document A/4864.

1645 (XVI). Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire relating to Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that under General Assembly resolution 751 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 a Sub-Committee was established to examine the Questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as might be necessary to adapt the Questionnaire to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Council,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council has adopted special questionnaires for certain Trust Territories,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work accomplished by the Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire;

2. *Decides* that the Sub-Committee, having completed its work, should be discontinued.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1646 (XVI). Hearing of petitioners in connexion with the Trust Territory of Tanganyika

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 1 July 1960 to 19 July 1961,⁶

Noting that at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly the Fourth Committee heard petitioners from Tanganyika,

Noting further that during its twenty-seventh session the Trusteeship Council heard petitioners from Tanganyika and commended their observations as well as those of various Member States to the attention of the Administering Authority for urgent action,

Requests that the Administering Authority take account of the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report of the Trusteeship Council at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly, with a view to extending similar consideration in the matter of compensation for loss of career to all expatriate civil servants without regard to race, colour, creed or origin.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1694 (XVI). Social advancement in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by resolutions 643 (VII) of 10 December 1952, 929 (X) of 8 November 1955 and 1326 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 it approved the reports on social conditions prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in 1952,⁷ 1955⁸ and 1958,⁹

⁶ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4818).

⁷ *Ibid.*, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2219), part two.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/2908), part two.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3837), part two.

Recalling that in 1960 the Committee included a survey of social conditions in its observations and conclusions on the report on progress in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the beginning of the United Nations,¹⁰

Having received a report on social advancement prepared by the Committee in 1961,¹¹

1. Approves the report on social advancement prepared in 1961 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and considers that it should be read with the earlier reports approved in 1952, 1955 and 1958 and with the survey included in the report on progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to transmit the 1961 report to the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned, for their consideration;

3. Expresses its confidence that the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories will bring the report to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.

1695 (XVI). Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Considering that it is essential that the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories be widely acquainted with the Declaration,

1. Invites the Administering Members to take immediate steps, with the active participation of the representative bodies and organizations of the indigenous inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, for the widest possible circulation and dissemination in those Territories of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples;

2. Further invites the Administering Members to take immediate steps for the inclusion of the Declaration in the curricula of all educational institutions in all Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the immediate and large-scale circulation and dissemination of the Declaration, through all the appropriate media of mass communication, in all the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. Invites the Administering Members to extend to the Secretary-General their fullest co-operation in the circulation and dissemination of the Declaration in all the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

5. Requests that the Declaration be circulated and disseminated in the principal local languages as well as in the languages of the Administering Members;

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part two, section C.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4785), part two.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution for the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.

1696 (XVI). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,

Recognizing the importance of rendering assistance to colonial countries and peoples in the field of general and specialized education,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,¹²

Noting with satisfaction the further response to its resolution 845 (IX) inviting Member States to extend their offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Expressing regret that, despite the increased interest among inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in such offers, a large number of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Further expressing regret that in several instances students who have been granted scholarships have not been accorded facilities to leave the Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships,

Recalling paragraph 5 of its resolution 845 (IX) by which the Secretary-General is requested, in consultation with the Administering Members and specialized agencies concerned, to establish a simple procedure which would enable offers and applications made through the United Nations or the specialized agencies to be brought to the attention of the Administering Members, and thereafter, in the case of applications, to the attention of the offering States concerned together with any observations the Administering Members may have submitted,

Considering that the procedure requiring the transmission of observations by the Administering Members prior to the submission of the application to the offering State causes a serious delay in the processing of those applications,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX);

2. Reaffirms its resolution 1540 (XV) of 15 December 1960;

3. Invites once again the Administering Members concerned to take all necessary measures to ensure that all scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States are utilized by the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to render effective assistance to those persons who have applied for, or

¹² *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44, documents A/4862 and Add.1 and 2.

have been granted, scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

4. *Requests* that applications for scholarships received from inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories should be transmitted simultaneously to the offering States for consideration and to the Administering Members concerned for information;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1697 (XVI). Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1534 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Taking note of the statements made by the Administering Members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its twelfth session on the preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres,¹³

Reiterating that the existence of adequate indigenous civil servants and technical personnel in the Non-Self-Governing Territories is necessary for the effective implementation of satisfactory plans and programmes of development in the educational, social and economic fields,

Noting the observation of the Committee that because of the lack of information it has not been able fully to examine the problem of the preparation and training of indigenous civil servants and technical personnel in Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁴

Considering that, in the light of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, immediate steps shall be taken to transfer all powers to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories without any conditions or reservations,

Believing that the rapid preparation and training of indigenous, civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories will help towards the achievement of the purposes of resolution 1514 (XV),

1. *Considers* that the situation prevailing in various dependent territories in respect of the strength, composition and state of training of indigenous civil servants and technical personnel is unsatisfactory;

2. *Regrets* that due attention has not been paid to that problem;

3. *Urges* the Administering Members to take immediately all necessary measures to increase the strength of indigenous civil service and technical cadres and to accelerate their training in public administration and other essential technical skills;

4. *Further urges* the Administering Members to take more extensive and expeditious measures towards the replacement of expatriate personnel by indigenous

officers, especially in positions of high administrative responsibility;

5. *Invites once again* the Administering Members to make fuller use of the United Nations technical assistance programme for training in public administration and related fields;

6. *Requests* the Administering Members to transmit complete and detailed information concerning the training facilities for, and current strength, composition and state of the preparation of, civil and technical services in the Territories under their administrations, in time for its careful examination and study by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its next session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a special report on that subject, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its seventeenth session, taking into account the information submitted by the Administering Members and the observations, recommendations and conclusions thereon of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

*1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1698 (XVI). Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples", it expressed the belief that an end must be put to colonialism and all practices of segregation and discrimination associated therewith,

Recalling further its resolution 1536 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Noting with deep concern, from the information contained in the report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁵ that racial discrimination persists and that the recommendations of the General Assembly contained in resolution 1536 (XV) have not yet been implemented,

Endorsing the view of the Committee that on no grounds whatsoever can the existence of racial discrimination in any aspect of life in the Non-Self-Governing Territories be justified,

Considering that racial discrimination and segregation in Non-Self-Governing Territories can be eradicated fully and with the greatest speed by the faithful implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, and that, accordingly, the efforts of the United Nations should be concentrated on that task,

1. *Condemns resolutely* the policy and practice of racial discrimination and segregation in Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Urges* the Administering Members to include, among the measures that would contribute to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, steps to ensure:

(a) The immediate rescinding or revocation of all laws and regulations which tend to encourage or

¹³ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4785), part one, annex IV.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, part one, para. 36.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, part two, section VIII.

sanction, directly or indirectly, discriminatory policies and practices based on racial considerations, the adoption of legislative measures making racial discrimination and segregation punishable by law, and the discouragement of such practices based on racial considerations by all other means possible, including administrative measures;

(b) The immediate extension to all inhabitants of the full exercise of basic political rights, in particular the right to vote, and the establishment of equality among the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take measures for the immediate and large-scale dissemination of the present resolution in the Non-Self-Governing Territories through all the appropriate media of mass communication, in the principal local languages as well as in the languages of the Administering Members;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, not later than September 1962, a report on the implementation of the present resolution for the consideration of the General Assembly and any other body which the Assembly may appoint to assist it in the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV).

*1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1699 (XVI). Non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and with General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV)

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by resolution 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960 it declared that an obligation exists on the part of the Government of Portugal to transmit information under Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories under its administration, and that this obligation should be discharged without further delay,

Noting with deep regret that the Government of Portugal has refused and still continues to refuse to submit information on its Non-Self-Governing Territories or to participate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, as called for by General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV) and Chapter XI of the Charter,

Recalling further the principles set forth in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples",

Considering that the provisions of the said Declaration and any decision of the General Assembly concerning its implementation are fully applicable to the Territories under Portuguese administration equally with other Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting the continuing deterioration of the situation in the Territories under Portuguese administration,

1. *Condemns* the continuing non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with its obligations under Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and with the terms of General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV), and its refusal to co-operate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Considers* it necessary that, pending the fulfilment of these obligations by the Government of Portugal, the General Assembly must, for its part, continue to discharge its own obligations and responsibilities towards the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under Portuguese administration;

3. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee of seven members to be elected by the General Assembly to examine as a matter of urgency, within the context of Chapter XI of the Charter and relevant resolutions of the Assembly, such information as is available concerning Territories under Portuguese administration, and to formulate its observations, conclusions and recommendations for the consideration of the Assembly and any other body which the Assembly may appoint to assist it in the implementation of its resolution 1514 (XV);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pending the compliance by Portugal with its obligations under Chapter XI of the Charter to transmit information on conditions in the Territories under its administration, to prepare for the use of the Special Committee, on the basis of available information, background papers containing information on conditions prevailing in the Territories under the administration of Portugal;

5. *Authorizes* the Special Committee, in order that information available to it may be as up to date and authentic as possible, to receive petitions and hear petitioners concerning conditions prevailing in Portuguese Non-Self-Governing Territories;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to furnish the Special Committee with such necessary secretarial and other assistance as it may require in the performance of its tasks;

7. *Requests* Member States to use their influence to secure the compliance of Portugal with its obligations under the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

8. *Further requests* Member States to deny Portugal any support and assistance which it may use for the suppression of the peoples of its Non-Self-Governing Territories.

*1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

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At its 1257th meeting, on 20 December 1961, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, elected the members of the Special Committee established under paragraph 3 of the above resolution. At its 1087th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1961, the General Assembly approved the election.

The following Member States were elected: BULGARIA, CEYLON, COLOMBIA, CYPRUS, GUATEMALA, GUINEA and NIGERIA.

1700 (XVI). Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having recognized the usefulness and value of the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in the interests of the advancement of peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories and of the attainment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

Keeping in mind the principles and purposes contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples",

Considering that by resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 the General Assembly established a Special Committee of seventeen members on the application of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,

Considering further that in paragraph 8 of that resolution the General Assembly requested the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to assist the Special Committee in its work,

1. *Decides* to continue the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on the same basis as hitherto until such time as the General Assembly has decided that the principles embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples have been fully implemented;

2. *Decides further* that the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories shall examine the political and constitutional information transmitted by the Administering Members as well as information relating to functional fields, and submit its reports to the General Assembly with its observations and conclusions thereon;

3. *Instructs* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to undertake intensive studies of political, educational, economic and social conditions and problems of Territories located in the same area or region, except where circumstances require individual consideration;

4. *Recalls* its resolution 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and instructs the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to invite the co-operation of the Special Committee of seven members established by General Assembly resolution 1699 (XVI) of 19 December 1961;

5. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to transmit to the Special Committee on the application of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples the reports referred to in paragraph 2 above, and to provide it with pertinent material available to the Committee on Information including such studies prepared for its consideration as may be required for the discharge of the Special Committee's functions.

1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.

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At its 1253rd meeting, on 18 December 1961, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, elected four members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for a period of three years to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of office of the Dominican Republic, Ghana, India and Iraq.¹⁶ At its 1083rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 1961, the Assembly confirmed this election.

The following States were elected: ECUADOR, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES and UPPER VOLTA.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 46, document A/5048, para. 2.

1701 (XVI). Report of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 1 July 1960 to 19 July 1961,¹⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Authorities take account of the recommendations and observations contained in the report;

3. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council should consider at its twenty-eighth session the comments and suggestions which were made, during the discussion of the report at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly, regarding the remaining Territories under trusteeship, as well as the Council's methods of work and procedure, in order to bring them into accordance with the requirements of the new situation in the field of the International Trusteeship System.

1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.

1702 (XVI). Question of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples", and its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 establishing a Special Committee of seventeen members on the application of the Declaration,

Recalling its resolutions 1568 (XV) of 18 December 1960 and 1596 (XV) of 7 April 1961,

Noting with approval the special report of the Committee on South West Africa,¹⁸

Bearing in mind the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa on the measures to be taken to ensure the institution of the rule of law and such democratic processes, reforms and programmes of assistance as will enable the Mandated Territory of South West Africa to assume the full responsibilities of sovereignty and independence within the shortest possible time,

Noting with deep regret that the Government of the Republic of South Africa has prevented the Committee on South West Africa, with threats, from entering the Territory,

Noting with increased disquiet the progressive deterioration of the situation in South West Africa as a result of the ruthless intensification of the policy of *apartheid*, the deep emotional resentments of all African peoples, accompanied by the rapid expansion of South Africa's military forces, and the fact that Europeans, both soldiers and civilians, are being armed and militarily reinforced for the purpose of oppressing the indigenous people, all of which create an increasingly explosive situation which, if allowed to continue, will endanger international peace and security,

Considering that the Government of South Africa has persistently failed in its international obligations

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4818).

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12A (A/4926).

in administering the Territory of South West Africa on behalf of the international community,

Reaffirming that it is the right and duty of the United Nations to discharge fully its obligations towards the international Territory of South West Africa,

Convinced that the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV) and the discharge of the responsibility of the United Nations under the Charter towards the international community and the people of South West Africa require the taking of immediate steps by the United Nations,

1. *Solemnly proclaims* the inalienable right of the people of South West Africa to independence and national sovereignty;

2. *Decides* to establish a United Nations Special Committee for South West Africa, consisting of representatives of seven Member States nominated by the President of the General Assembly, whose task will be to achieve, in consultation with the Mandatory Power, the following objectives:

(a) A visit to the Territory of South West Africa before 1 May 1962;

(b) The evacuation from the Territory of all military forces of the Republic of South Africa;

(c) The release of all political prisoners without distinction as to party or race;

(d) The repeal of all laws or regulations confining the indigenous inhabitants in reserves and denying them all freedom of movement, expression and association, and of all other laws and regulations which establish and maintain the intolerable system of *apartheid*;

(e) Preparations for general elections to the Legislative Assembly, based on universal adult suffrage, to be held as soon as possible under the supervision and control of the United Nations;

(f) Advice and assistance to the Government resulting from the general elections, with a view to preparing the Territory for full independence;

(g) Co-ordination of the economic and social assistance with which the specialized agencies will provide the people in order to promote their moral and material welfare;

(h) The return to the Territory of indigenous inhabitants without risk of imprisonment, detention or punishment of any kind because of their political activities in or outside the Territory;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee to discharge the tasks which were assigned to the Committee on South West Africa by the General Assembly in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 12 of its resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953;

4. *Urges* the Government of South Africa to cooperate fully with the Special Committee and with the United Nations in the execution of the provisions of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to call the attention of the Security Council to the present resolution, in the light of paragraph 7 of resolution 1596 (XV) in which the General Assembly drew the attention of the Council to the situation in respect of South West Africa, which, if allowed to continue, would in the Assembly's view endanger international peace and security;

6. *Requests* all Member States:

(a) To do everything in their power to help the Special Committee to accomplish its task;

(b) To refrain, should the occasion arise, from any act likely to delay or prevent the application of the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee to keep the Security Council, the Secretary-General and the Special Committee on the application of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples informed of its activities and of any difficulties which it may encounter;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee to study any measures likely to facilitate the execution of the other recommendations of the Committee on South West Africa, and to report to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session;

9. *Decides* to maintain the question of South West Africa on its agenda as a question demanding urgent and constant attention;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to facilitate the application of the present resolution.

1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.

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The President of the General Assembly, in pursuance of the above resolution, appointed the members of the Special Committee established under the terms of paragraph 2 of that resolution.

The Special Committee is composed as follows: BRAZIL, BURMA, MEXICO, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES, SOMALILAND and TOGO.

1703 (XVI). Petitions relating to the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,¹⁹

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report from the Committee dealing with petitions relating, *inter alia*, to the status of South West Africa and conditions in the Territory, the situation in the Windhoek Location, conditions in the Ovamboland Native Reserve, conditions in the Warmbad Native Reserve, and conditions in the Hoachanas Native Reserve,²⁰

Noting with disappointment that its recommendations to the South African Government in resolutions 1564 (XV), 1567 (XV) and 1568 (XV), paragraph 3, of 18 December 1960, relating to political freedom in South West Africa, to the Windhoek Location, and generally to the question of South West Africa, have never been implemented,

Noting with the gravest concern, as evidenced in the petitions, the unswerving determination of the Mandatory Power to intensify the application of its *apartheid* policy and of other policies contrary to the principles and purposes of the Mandate, and that any attempts to protest or resist those policies have been met only

¹⁹ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4957)*, part I, section III.

by the dismissal from employment, arrest, deportation and exile of the persons, leaders and members of African political organizations concerned,

Noting with the gravest concern and regret that South African military troops stationed in the Territory have been considerably reinforced, and that the local police, aided by the military forces, have raided Native homes, locations and reserves in search of evidence of political activity and to clear urban areas, which are regarded as European, of passless Natives,

Noting particularly that all these actions are repugnant to the letter and spirit of the Mandate, and have led to mounting tension and unrest in the Territory,

Noting with the deepest disappointment and regret that the unbending line of policy and method pursued by the South African Government in its administration of the Territory, contrary to its solemn obligations under the Mandate, has resulted in the oppression of the indigenous inhabitants and, in particular, that fourteen Africans were charged with alleged public violence in connexion with the disturbances that occurred in the Windhoek Location in December 1959, in which eleven Africans were killed and others wounded when police and soldiers opened fire on a crowd of Location residents who were protesting the impending removal to the new location at Katutura,

Noting, however, that, according to the statement made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa at the 1218th meeting of the Fourth Committee, on 21 November 1961, the Court found that the evidence before it did not justify conviction and the defendants were discharged,

1. *Urgently calls upon* the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Administration of South West Africa immediately to desist from further acts of force in the Mandated Territory designed either to suppress African political movements or to enforce *apartheid* measures imposed by law and administrative rulings, to refrain from vexatious prosecutions of Africans on political grounds, and to ensure the free exercise of political rights and freedom of expression to all sections of the population;

2. *Draws the attention* of the petitioners concerned to the report of the Committee on South West Africa on conditions in the Territory²¹ and to the special report of the Committee on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 1568 (XV) of 18 December 1960 and 1596 (XV) of 7 April 1961¹⁸ submitted to the Assembly at its sixteenth session, as well as to the action taken on the reports by the Assembly.

*1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1704 (XVI). Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Committee on South West Africa was established by General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953,

Considering that under its resolution 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 a United Nations Special Committee for South West Africa was set up,

1. *Decides* to dissolve the Committee on South West Africa;

²¹ *Ibid.*, part II.

2. *Recognizes* that the reports submitted annually by the Committee, and the special reports requested of it, have provided the General Assembly with valuable information on the situation in South West Africa, thus enabling the Assembly to use those reports as a basis for carrying out its responsibilities of supervision in regard to the Mandated Territory;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee for its unremitting efforts on behalf of the people of the Territory of South West Africa and for its contribution to the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations;

4. *Expresses its very special appreciation* to Mr. Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat, Chairman of the Committee and representative of Uruguay, and to the Member States which served on the Committee, for the devotion with which they have performed their duties.

*1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.*

1705 (XVI). Special educational and training programmes for South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Considering that, among the policies pursued by the Republic of South Africa in the administration of the Territory of South West Africa under the Mandate, an important feature is to restrict the indigenous inhabitants to a rudimentary system of schooling and training designed to confine the people to menial occupations for the purpose of keeping them in a state of subservience to the European minority,

Considering, in particular, that the South African Government deprives South West Africans of access to a complete secondary education or to higher education within South West Africa or South Africa, and also denies them travel documents and other facilities for taking advantage of educational opportunities in other areas,

Considering that it is one of the sacred duties of the United Nations to promote:

(a) Higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

(b) Solutions of international economic, social, health and related problems, and international cultural and educational co-operation,

Considering that the United Nations, in carrying out its duty under Article 55 of the Charter, has created machinery for economic, social and technical assistance and that substantial assistance has been rendered to peoples of the less developed countries, including peoples in colonial and Trust Territories,

Recalling its resolution 1566 (XV) of 18 December 1960 in which it requested the assistance of the specialized agencies and of the United Nations Children's Fund in the economic, social and educational development of South West Africa, and its resolution 1527 (XV) of 15 December 1960 regarding assistance to former Trust Territories and other newly independent States,

Recognizing, in particular, the urgent need to ensure the educational advancement of South West Africans beyond the limitations imposed by the Bantu educational system in force in South West Africa and South Africa, and to prepare them for service in the administration of their country,

Recognizing that the indigenous inhabitants of South West Africa, whose country can appropriately be designated as being economically under-developed, have a legitimate right to receive benefits from the United Nations programmes of technical co-operation but, owing to the refusal of the Mandatory Power to co-operate and receive such assistance on their behalf, have not so far benefited from such programmes,

Recognizing further that the United Nations has a special responsibility towards the inhabitants of the Mandated Territory,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee on South West Africa that:

(a) A special intensive type of fellowship programme should immediately be organized to train the largest possible number of indigenous inhabitants of the Territory of South West Africa in the functions and techniques of administration and in the fields of economics, law, health and sanitation, and in such other fields as may be necessary;

(b) In addition, Member States should be invited to make available scholarships for study abroad by South West African students;

2. *Decides* to establish such a special training programme for South West Africans, including technical education, education for leadership and teacher training;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in establishing such a special training programme for the indigenous people of the Territory, to make use as fully as possible of the existing United Nations programmes of technical co-operation, and particularly to make available to those indigenous inhabitants of the Territory who are and who may be temporarily residing in various countries and territories outside South West Africa the benefits of such programmes, with the consent and the co-operation of the host Governments;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies to co-operate in the establishment and implementation of the special training programme mentioned above, by offering every possible assistance and such facilities and resources as they may be able to provide;

5. *Invites* Member States to make available, directly or through voluntary agencies, for the use of South West Africans all-expense scholarships both for the completion of secondary education and for various forms of higher education;

6. *Requests* Member States to inform the Secretary-General of any scholarships offered and of awards made and utilized;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish appropriate machinery for dealing with applications from South West Africans for education and training outside the Territory;

8. *Requests* Member States to facilitate the travel of South West Africans seeking to avail themselves of such educational opportunities;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the United Nations Special Committee for South West Africa²² concerning the implementation of the present resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its regular session.

1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.

²² See resolution 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, para. 2.

1743 (XVI). Question of the future of Ruanda-Urundi

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi²³ and having heard the representatives of Ruanda-Urundi, of the Administering Authority and the petitioners,

Recalling its resolutions 1579 (XV) and 1580 (XV) of 20 December 1960, and 1605 (XV) of 21 April 1961,

Bearing in mind the provisions of its Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Taking into account the observations of the Commission concerning the pre-electoral conditions and the atmosphere prevailing in Rwanda and in Burundi and the physical organization of the electoral operations in both parts of the Territory,

Noting with satisfaction the agreement concluded on 8 February 1962 between the Government of Rwanda and the opposition party, the Union nationale rwandaise,²⁴

Considering that the return and resettlement in Rwanda of thousands of refugees have not been possible and that a large number of them are still living outside their homeland,

Reaffirming its conviction that the best future of Ruanda-Urundi lies in the emergence of a single State with economic unity, common defence and external relations, without prejudice to the internal autonomy of Rwanda and Burundi,

Desirous of ensuring that Ruanda-Urundi accedes to independence in the most favourable conditions as soon as possible,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi and to the Special Commission for the Amnesty established under General Assembly resolution 1605 (XV) and their staffs for the performance of the tasks entrusted to them, and congratulates the peoples of Ruanda-Urundi, the political leaders, the representatives of the Administering Authority, all those who co-operated effectively with the Commissions;

2. *Decides* to establish a Commission for Ruanda-Urundi—composed of five Commissioners representing five Member States to be elected by the General Assembly—which may, whenever it deems it advisable, invite the representatives of the Administering Authority and of the Governments of Rwanda and Burundi to attend its meetings;

3. *Requests* the Commission to proceed immediately to the Territory with a view to ensuring the achievement, with the full co-operation of the Administering Authority and national authorities, of the following objectives:

(a) The reconciliation of the various political factions in the Territory;

(b) The return and resettlement of all refugees;

²³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 49 (A/4994 and Add.1 and Corr.1).

²⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 49, document A/C.4/532.

(c) The guaranteeing of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression and association and political activity in peaceful conditions;

(d) The maintenance of law and order;

(e) Arrangements for the training of indigenous forces with the help of experts or a training mission provided by the United Nations, and the rapid withdrawal of Belgian military and paramilitary forces, to be completed before independence, with the exception of such personnel whose retention, in the view of the Commission in consultation with the authorities of Ruanda-Urundi and the Administering Authority and without prejudice to the sovereign rights of the future independent Ruanda-Urundi and subject to the latter's subsequent ratification, may be considered necessary as an interim measure;

4. *Requests* the Commission to convene as soon as possible, at Addis Ababa, a high-level conference presided over by the Chairman of the Commission and composed of five representatives each of the Government of Rwanda and Burundi headed by their respective Chiefs of Government, with a view to finding a mutually acceptable formula for the creation of the closest possible form of political, economic and administrative union, the role of the Commission being to endeavour to reconcile the points of view of the two Governments and to put forward such concrete proposals as would lead to the achievement of the aforementioned objective; in this task the Commission will, at its request, be provided by the Secretary-General with the assistance of judicial, financial and economic, military and police, and technical assistance advisers;

5. *Requests* the Commission to see that all powers of internal autonomy are transferred to the Governments of Rwanda and Burundi at a date not later than 30 April 1962;

6. *Further requests* the Commission to submit a report, before 1 June 1962, to the General Assembly at its resumed sixteenth session in respect of the progress made towards the achievement of the objectives stated in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above, such report to include recommendations as to:

(a) The necessary arrangements and modalities for the final transfer of power;

(b) The assistance that the United Nations can provide to deal with the social and economic problems of the Territory;

(c) The time-table for the withdrawal of the personnel, if any, retained as an interim measure under paragraph 3 (e) above;

7. *Envisages* setting 1 July 1962 as the date for the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, subject to General Assembly approval upon examination of the report of the Commission at the resumed sixteenth session, which the Assembly decides to call in the first week of June 1962 to consider exclusively the question of Ruanda-Urundi;

8. *Considers* that the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution will ensure the emergence of Ruanda-Urundi to independence in an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity and the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement at the resumed session envisaged in paragraph 7 above;

9. *Requests* the Administering Authority and appeals to the Governments and people of Ruanda-Urundi

to co-operate fully with the Commission in the performance of its tasks;

10. *Decides* to maintain this item on the agenda of the present session without closing the debate thereon and authorizes the Commission, should circumstances so require, to return to United Nations Headquarters and request the President of the General Assembly immediately to reconvene the Assembly to consider exclusively the question of Ruanda-Urundi;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Commission with the necessary facilities and assistance in the performance of its tasks, and, in particular, to provide experts and military observers for the purposes envisaged in paragraphs 3 (d) and (e) and 4 of the present resolution.

*1106th plenary meeting,
23 February 1962.*

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At its 1106th plenary meeting, on 23 February 1962, the General Assembly elected, by secret ballot, the members of the Commission for Ruanda-Urundi established under paragraph 2 of the above resolution.

The Commission is composed of five Commissioners representing the following Member States: HAITI, IRAN, LIBERIA, MOROCCO and TOGO.

1744 (XVI). Question of the Mwami of Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi²³ and having heard the statements by the Mwami of Rwanda and by the representatives of the Mwami and of the Government of Rwanda,

Recalling its resolutions 1580 (XV) of 20 December 1960 and 1605 (XV) of 21 April 1961,

Taking into account the observations of the Commission concerning the conditions and the atmosphere prevailing in Rwanda, under which the referendum on the question of the Mwami and the legislative elections were held, and the physical organization of those operations,

Noting with satisfaction the agreement concluded on 8 February 1962 between the Government of Rwanda and the opposition party, the Union nationale rwandaise,²⁴

Convinced that in order that peace and tranquillity may quickly return to Rwanda, a speedy settlement of the question of the future of the Mwami is necessary and that an agreement on this question should be reached as soon as possible between the Government of Rwanda and the Mwami, on a mutually acceptable basis, bearing in mind the referendum and its results,

1. *Requests* the Commission for Ruanda-Urundi established under General Assembly resolution 1743 (XVI) of 23 February 1962, as a matter of urgency, to engage in talks with the Administering Authority, the Government of Rwanda, and the Mwami and his representatives with a view to reaching agreement, on a mutually acceptable basis, for the peaceful settlement of the question of the future of the Mwami;

2. *Requests* the Commission to include, as part of its report to the General Assembly at its resumed sixteenth session, the results of the talks envisaged in

paragraph 1 above, an assessment of the possibilities, and recommendations, for the peaceful settlement of the question of the future of the Mwami of Rwanda;

3. *Considers* that the implementation of the present resolution will further ensure for Rwanda the speedy return of an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity;

4. *Requests* the Administering Authority, and appeals to the Mwami and the Government and people of Rwanda, to co-operate fully with the Commission in the performance of the task entrusted to it.

*1106th plenary meeting,
23 February 1962.*

1745 (XVI). General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples",

Recalling its resolution 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, by which the General Assembly approved a list of factors to be used as a guide in determining whether a territory is or is not within the scope of Chapter XI

of the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular section C of the second part of that list,

Recalling further resolution 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960, by which the General Assembly approved a list of principles to be applied in the light of the facts and the circumstances of each case to determine whether or not an obligation exists to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Bearing in mind that, according to principle XI set forth in resolution 1541 (XV), the constitution of a Non-Self-Governing Territory giving it self-government in economic and social matters has to be established through freely elected institutions,

Mindful of the fact that the indigenous inhabitants have not been adequately represented in the legislature and not represented at all in the government,

1. *Requests* the Special Committee established by General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 to consider whether the territory of Southern Rhodesia has attained a full measure of self-government;

2. *Requests* the special Committee to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

*1106th plenary meeting,
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1624 (XVI). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following person as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Mr. C. H. W. Hodges;

2. *Declares* Mr. Hodges to be appointed for a period beginning on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1961.

*1032nd plenary meeting,
10 October 1961.*

1625 (XVI). Memorial to the late Dag Hammarskjöld

The General Assembly,

Mourning the passing of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Desiring to establish an appropriate memorial commemorating his service to the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the hope expressed by the Ford Foundation, as donor, that the new United Nations library might be considered in some measure an appropriate remembrance of Mr. Hammarskjöld's life,

Decides to dedicate the new library on 16 November 1961 as "The Dag Hammarskjöld Library".

*1037th plenary meeting,
16 October 1961.*

1633 (XVI). United Nations operations in the Congo: cost estimates and financing

The General Assembly,

Pending action to be taken at the present session regarding the financing of the United Nations operations in the Congo and without prejudice to such action,

Authorizes the Secretariat to continue until 31 December 1961 to incur commitments for the United Nations operations in the Congo at a level not to exceed \$10 million per month.

*1044th plenary meeting,
30 October 1961.*

1634 (XVI). United Nations: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1960 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1960 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;¹

2. *Concurs* in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its third report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.²

*1044th plenary meeting,
30 October 1961.*

1635 (XVI). United Nations Children's Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1960 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1960 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;³

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/4777).*

² *Ibid., Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 52, document A/4808.*

³ *Ibid., Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/4783 and Corr.1 and 2).*

2. *Takes note* of the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fourth report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.⁴

*1044th plenary meeting,
30 October 1961.*

1636 (XVI). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1960 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial year ended 31 December 1960 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;⁵

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fifth report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.⁶

*1044th plenary meeting,
30 October 1961.*

1637 (XVI). Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1960 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the financial year ended 31 December 1960 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;⁷

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its sixth report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.⁸

*1044th plenary meeting,
30 October 1961.*

1638 (XVI). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal:

Mrs. Paul Bastid,
Mr. Omar Loutfi,
Mr. R. Venkataraman;

2. *Declares* Mrs. Bastid, Mr. Loutfi and Mr. Venkataraman to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1962.

*1044th plenary meeting,
30 October 1961.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 52, document A/4809 and Add.1.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 6B (A/4782).

⁶ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 52, document A/4810.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/4781).

⁸ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 52, document A/4811.

1639 (XVI). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The General Assembly

Takes note of the annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.⁹

*1044th plenary meeting,
30 October 1961.*

1641 (XVI). United Nations Library

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Library.¹⁰

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1655 (XVI). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

Appoints the Auditor-General of the Netherlands as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1962.

*1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.*

1656 (XVI). Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and by the International Atomic Energy Agency of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and by the International Atomic Energy Agency of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account, for the financial year ended 31 December 1960,¹¹ and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its eighteenth report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.¹²

*1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.*

1657 (XVI). Audit reports relating to expenditure by executing agencies of funds earmarked from the Special Fund

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies, acting as executing agencies, of funds earmarked from the Special Fund, for the financial year ended 31 December 1960,¹³ and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its nineteenth report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.¹⁴

*1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.*

⁹ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/4807).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 68, document A/4938.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 58, separate fascicle (A/4828).

¹² *Ibid.*, agenda item 58, document A/4947.

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 58, separate fascicle (A/4825).

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 58, document A/4948.

1658 (XVI). Base salary scales and post adjustments of the staff in the professional and higher categories of the international civil service

A

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General¹⁵ together with the relevant reports of the International Civil Service Advisory Board¹⁶ and the Expert Committee on Post Adjustments,¹⁷ as well as the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁸

Decides that:

1. With effect from 1 January 1962 in the case of staff in the Professional and higher categories, and from such dates as the Secretary-General may determine in the case of other staff, regulation 2.3, paragraph (b), of the Staff Regulations of the United Nations shall be amended by substituting a new table of staff assessment rates, so as to read as follows:

“The assessment shall be calculated according to the following rates:

Total assessable payments	Assessment Per cent
First \$1,000 per year.....	10
Next \$2,000 per year.....	15
Next \$3,000 per year.....	20
Next \$3,000 per year.....	25
Next \$3,000 per year.....	30
Next \$3,000 per year.....	35
Next \$4,000 per year.....	40
Next \$4,000 per year.....	45
Remaining assessable payments.....	50

“The resulting net salary may be rounded to the nearest \$10.”;

2. In the case of staff whose salary scales are established in currencies other than United States dollars, the relevant amounts to which the above assessment

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 65, documents A/4823 and A/C.5/873.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/4823/Add.1.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/4823/Add.2.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/4930.

rates apply shall be fixed at the rounded local currency equivalent of the above dollar amounts at the time the salary scales of the staff concerned are approved;

3. With effect from 1 January 1962, regulation 3.4, sub-paragraph (a)(i), of the Staff Regulations shall be amended by substituting “\$400” for “\$200”, so as to read as follows:

“At \$400 per annum for a dependent wife or dependent husband and at \$300 per annum for each dependent child; or”;

4. With effect from 1 January 1962, annex I to the Staff Regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 1 shall be amended by substituting “\$27,000” for “\$23,000”, so as to read as follows:

“Annex I, paragraph 1

“An Under-Secretary shall receive a salary of \$US 27,000 (subject to the Staff Assessment Plan provided in staff regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied) and, if otherwise eligible, shall receive the allowances which are available to staff members generally”;

(b) The first sentence of paragraph 3 shall be amended by substituting the words “The salary scale for a Director shall be \$20,500 rising by two biennial increments of \$900 to a maximum of \$22,300 per annum” for the words “A Director shall receive a salary of \$18,000 per annum”, so as to read as follows:

“Annex I, paragraph 3

“The salary scale for a Director shall be \$US 20,500 rising by two biennial increments of \$900 to a maximum of \$22,300 per annum (subject to the Staff Assessment Plan provided in staff regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied). If otherwise eligible, a Director shall receive the allowances which are available to staff members generally”;

(c) Paragraph 4 shall be amended by substituting a new table of salary scales, so as to read as follows:

“Annex I, paragraph 4

“Except as provided in paragraph 6 of the present annex, the salary scales for staff members in the Principal Officer and Director category and in the Professional category shall be as follows (subject to the Staff Assessment Plan provided by staff regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied):

“SALARY SCALES
(Subject to the Staff Assessment Plan provided by staff regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied)
(In US dollars)

	Step											
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
<i>Principal Officer and Director Category</i>												
Director	20,500	21,400	22,300									
Principal Officer	16,300	17,000	17,700	18,400	19,100	19,800	20,500					
<i>Professional Category</i>												
Senior Officer	14,000	14,400	14,800	15,200	15,600	16,080	16,560	17,040	17,520	18,000		
First Officer	11,400	11,750	12,100	12,450	12,800	13,200	13,600	14,000	14,400	14,800	15,200	
Second Officer	9,300	9,600	9,900	10,200	10,500	10,800	11,100	11,400	11,750	12,100	12,450	12,800
Associate Officer	7,500	7,750	8,000	8,250	8,500	8,750	9,000	9,300	9,600	9,900		
Assistant Officer	5,750	6,000	6,250	6,500	6,750	7,000	7,250	7,500	7,750			

(d) Paragraph 5 shall be amended by deleting the second sentence and amending the first sentence, so as to read as follows:

“Annex I, paragraph 5

“Subject to satisfactory service, salary increments within the levels set forth in paragraph 4 of the

present annex shall be awarded annually, except that any increment to a salary step above \$US 18,500 shall be preceded by two years at the previous step”;

(e) Paragraph 9 shall be amended by deleting the words “on 1 January 1956” after the word “Geneva”, so as to read as follows:

“Annex I, paragraph 9

“In order to preserve equivalent standards of living at different offices, the Secretary-General may adjust the basic salaries set forth in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of this annex by the application of non-pensionable post adjustments, the amounts of which shall be determined on the basis of relative costs of living, standards of living and related factors at the office concerned as compared to Geneva. Such post adjustments shall not be subject to the Staff Assessment Plan and their amount shall vary by salary level as determined from time to time by the General Assembly”;

5. The step at which staff in service on 1 January 1962 shall enter the new salary scales shall be determined in accordance with the proposals contained in paragraph 9 of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁹

6. In applying paragraph 9 of annex I to the Staff Regulations as revised above:

(a) The United Nations cost-of-living index at Geneva based on 1 January 1956 shall be adjusted by 100/110, and the indices at other duty stations shall be adjusted accordingly to compensate for the consolidation of the class 3 post adjustment in the base salaries;

(b) The amounts of post adjustment for each 5 per cent variation in the cost of living above or below the new base level shall, at all the main headquarters areas and normally at all other offices, be those specified in the report of the Fifth Committee.²⁰

1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.

B

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROVISIONS ON THE PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION OF THE STAFF

The General Assembly

Decides that its resolution 1561 (XV) of 18 December 1960 shall be amended as follows:

(a) In section I, paragraph 1 (b)(ii), substitute “1 January 1962” for “1 January 1956”;

(b) In section I, paragraph 2, delete the final semicolon and add “until 31 December 1961 or, if earlier, the date of leaving the Fund”.

1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.

1659 (XVI). Enlargement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: amendments to rules 156 and 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, by which the membership of the Advisory Committee

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/4823.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/4977, annex 1.

on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was established at nine members,

Noting that the membership of the United Nations has increased substantially since the adoption of that resolution,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from nine to twelve members;

2. *Decides* to amend as follows rules 156 and 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly:

“Rule 156

“The General Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (hereinafter called the ‘Advisory Committee’), with a membership of twelve, including at least three financial experts of recognized standing.

“Rule 157

“The members of the Advisory Committee, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience, and shall serve for three years corresponding to three financial years, as defined in the regulations for the financial administration of the United Nations. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The three financial experts shall not retire simultaneously. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members, or, in case of vacancies, at the next session.”

1067th plenary meeting,
28 November 1961.

1688 (XVI). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²¹

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Mr. Mohamed Abdel Maged Ahmed,

Mr. Albert F. Bender,

Mr. Alfonso Grez,

Mr. C. H. W. Hodges,

Mr. E. Olu Sanu,

Mr. Dragos Serbanescu;

2. *Declares* Mr. Ahmed, Mr. Grez, Mr. Sanu and Mr. Serbanescu to be appointed for a three-year term, Mr. Bender to be appointed for a two-year term, and Mr. Hodges to be appointed for a one-year term, in each case beginning on 1 January 1962.

1082nd plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.

1689 (XVI). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

A

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions:

²¹ See also resolutions 1624 (XVI) of 10 October 1961 and 1659 (XVI) of 28 November 1961.

Mr. Raymond T. Bowman,
Mr. F. Nouredin Kia,
Mr. Stanislaw Raczkowski;

2. Declares Mr. Bowman, Mr. Kia and Mr. Raczkowski to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1962.

1082nd plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.

B

The General Assembly

1. Appoints the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. C. H. W. Hodges;

2. Declares Mr. Hodges to be appointed for a period beginning on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1962.

1082nd plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.

1690 (XVI). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

1. Appoints the following persons as members or alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Members:

Mr. Albert F. Bender,
Mr. C. H. W. Hodges,
Mr. Rigoberto Torres Astorga;

Alternate members:

Mr. Arthur C. Liveran,
Mr. Brendan T. Nolan,
Mr. Nathan Quao;

2. Declares these members and alternate members to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1962.

1082nd plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.

1691 (XVI). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The scale of assessments for Members²² contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial years 1962, 1963 and 1964 shall be as follows:

Member State	Per cent
Afghanistan	0.05
Albania	0.04
Argentina	1.01
Australia	1.66
Austria	0.45
Belgium	1.20
•Bolivia	0.04

Member State	Per cent
Brazil	1.03
Bulgaria	0.20
Burma	0.07
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	0.52
Cambodia	0.04
Cameroun	0.04
Canada	3.12
Central African Republic	0.04
Ceylon	0.09
Chad	0.04
Chile	0.26
China	4.57
Colombia	0.26
Congo (Brazzaville)	0.04
Congo (Leopoldville)	0.07
Costa Rica	0.04
Cuba	0.22
Cyprus	0.04
Czechoslovakia	1.17
Dahomey	0.04
Denmark	0.58
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.06
El Salvador	0.04
Ethiopia	0.05
Federation of Malaya	0.13
Finland	0.37
France	5.94
Gabon	0.04
Ghana	0.09
Greece	0.23
Guatemala	0.05
Guinea	0.04
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
Hungary	0.56
Iceland	0.04
India	2.03
Indonesia	0.45
Iran	0.20
Iraq	0.09
Ireland	0.14
Israel	0.15
Italy	2.24
Ivory Coast	0.04
Japan	2.27
Jordan	0.04
Laos	0.04
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Libya	0.04
Luxembourg	0.05
Madagascar	0.04
Mali	0.04
Mexico	0.74
Morocco	0.14
Nepal	0.04
Netherlands	1.01
New Zealand	0.41
Nicaragua	0.04
Niger	0.04
Nigeria	0.21
Norway	0.45
Pakistan	0.42
Panama	0.04
Paraguay	0.04
Peru	0.10
Philippines	0.40
Poland	1.28

²² Not including the Member States admitted to the Organization at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly.

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Portugal	0.16
Romania	0.32
Saudi Arabia	0.07
Senegal	0.05
Somalia	0.04
South Africa	0.53
Spain	0.86
Sudan	0.07
Sweden	1.30
Thailand	0.16
Togo	0.04
Tunisia	0.05
Turkey	0.40
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	1.98
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	14.97
United Arab Republic.....	0.30 ²³
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7.58
United States of America.....	32.02
Upper Volta	0.04
Uruguay	0.11
Venezuela	0.52
Yemen	0.04
Yugoslavia	0.38
	100.00

2. Subject to rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessments given in paragraph 1 above shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1964, when a report shall be submitted for the consideration of the Assembly at its nineteenth session;

3. Notwithstanding the terms of regulation 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the financial years 1962, 1963 and 1964 in currencies other than United States dollars;

4. Subject to rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, States which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1962, 1963 and 1964 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates:

<i>Non-member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Federal Republic of Germany.....	5.70
Liechtenstein	0.04
Monaco	0.04
Republic of Korea.....	0.19
Republic of Viet-Nam.....	0.16
San Marino	0.04
Switzerland	0.95

the following countries being called upon to contribute:

²³ Allocation between Syria and the United Arab Republic to be determined.

(a) To the International Court of Justice: Liechtenstein, San Marino and Switzerland;

(b) To the international control of narcotic drugs: Federal Republic of Germany, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Republic of Korea, Republic of Viet-Nam, San Marino and Switzerland;

(c) To the International Bureau for Declarations of Death of Missing Persons: Federal Republic of Germany;

(d) To the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East: Republic of Korea and Republic of Viet-Nam;

(e) To the Economic Commission for Europe: Federal Republic of Germany;

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, the Committee on Contributions shall at its meeting in 1962 examine the scale of assessments for the years 1962, 1963 and 1964, in the light of the discussion in the Fifth Committee at the sixteenth session and in the light of such further information as might be made available to it, and shall report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session; in the event that the Assembly should at its seventeenth session revise the scale set out in paragraph 1 above, the contributions for 1962 shall be adjusted accordingly.

*1082nd plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

B

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of regulation 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the existing arrangements for facilitating the payment of contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations in currencies other than United States dollars,

Aware of the difficulties experienced by many Member States in securing United States dollars for the payment of their contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account paragraphs 17 and 35 of the report of the Committee on Contributions,²⁴

Considering that it is desirable to expand the existing arrangements for facilitating the payment of contributions,

Recommends that the Committee on Contributions:

(a) Study all the possible ways and means of expanding the existing arrangements for facilitating the payment of contributions by Member States to the regular budget of the United Nations in currencies other than United States dollars;

(b) Submit a detailed report and recommendations on this matter to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

*1082nd plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

²⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/4775 and Corr.1).*

1692 (XVI). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1961

The General Assembly

1. *Resolves* that for the financial year 1961 the amount of \$US 72,969,300 appropriated by its resolution 1584 A (XV) of 20 December 1960 be decreased by \$1,320,000 as follows:

Section	<i>Amount appropriated by resolution 1584 A (XV)</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation</i>	<i>Revised amount of appropriation</i>
(US dollars)			
A. UNITED NATIONS			
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>			
1. Travel and other expenses of representatives, members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies....	1,090,350	30,000	1,120,350
2. Special meetings and conferences.....	255,600	451,800	707,400
TOTAL, PART I	<u>1,345,950</u>	<u>481,800</u>	<u>1,827,750</u>
<i>Part II. Staff costs and related expenses</i>			
3. Salaries and wages.....	35,702,600	286,025	35,988,625
4. Common staff costs.....	8,213,300	—	8,213,300
5. Travel of staff.....	2,034,000	(10,000)	2,024,000
6. Payment under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality	100,000	—	100,000
TOTAL, PART II	<u>46,049,900</u>	<u>276,025</u>	<u>46,325,925</u>
<i>Part III. Buildings, equipment and common services</i>			
7. Buildings and improvements to premises.....	3,872,375	—	3,872,375
8. Permanent equipment	400,000	10,000	410,000
9. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises.....	3,279,050	48,700	3,327,750
10. General expenses	3,469,750	339,250	3,809,000
11. Printing	1,260,750	(50,000)	1,210,750
TOTAL, PART III	<u>12,281,925</u>	<u>347,950</u>	<u>12,629,875</u>
<i>Part IV. Special expenses</i>			
12. Special expenses	134,000	65,000	199,000
TOTAL, PART IV	<u>134,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>199,000</u>
<i>Part V. Technical programmes</i>			
13. Economic development	1,970,000	(845,000)	1,125,000
14. Social activities	1,960,000	(585,000)	1,375,000
15. Human rights activities.....	100,000	—	100,000
16. Public administration	1,850,000	(975,000)	875,000
17. Narcotic drugs control	75,000	—	75,000
TOTAL, PART V	<u>5,955,000</u>	<u>(2,405,000)</u>	<u>3,550,000</u>
<i>Part VI. Special missions and related activities</i>			
18. Special missions	2,848,750	—	2,848,750
19. United Nations Field Service.....	1,295,800	(71,800)	1,224,000
TOTAL, PART VI	<u>4,144,550</u>	<u>(71,800)</u>	<u>4,072,750</u>
<i>Part VII. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</i>			
20. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	2,302,275	(39,875)	2,262,400
TOTAL, PART VII	<u>2,302,275</u>	<u>(39,875)</u>	<u>2,262,400</u>
B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</i>			
21. International Court of Justice.....	755,700	25,900	781,600
TOTAL, PART VIII	<u>755,700</u>	<u>25,900</u>	<u>781,600</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>72,969,300</u>	<u>(1,320,000)</u>	<u>71,649,300</u>

2. *Resolves* that the unexpended balance of the 1961 appropriation of \$382,500 in respect of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile (section 7, chapter III), together with the unexpended balance of the 1960 appropriation for this purpose which remained available for obligation in 1961 under paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 1581 (XV) of 20 December 1960, shall be transferred on 31 December 1961 to a building-fund account to meet future expenditures as authorized under General Assembly resolution 1407 (XIV) of 1 December 1959;

3. *Further resolves* that the estimates of income for the financial year 1961 approved by its resolution 1584 B (XV) of 20 December 1960 be revised as follows:

Section	Estimate approved by resolution 1584 B (XV)	Increase or (decrease)	Revised estimate
	(US dollars)		
<i>Part I. Income from staff assessment</i>			
1. Staff assessment income	6,730,000	200,000	6,930,000
<i>Part II. Other income</i>			
2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts	1,879,880	(27,110)	1,852,770
3. General income	1,595,100	—	1,595,100
4. Sale of United Nations postage stamps	1,066,500	168,500	1,235,000
5. Sale of publications	358,750	19,150	377,900
6. Services to visitors and catering services	631,300	143,500	774,800
GRAND TOTAL	<u>12,261,530</u>	<u>504,040</u>	<u>12,765,570</u>

*1082nd plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1726 (XVI). Administrative budgets for 1962 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets for 1962 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;²⁵

2. *Invites the attention* of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to the comments and observations made in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1727 (XVI). United Nations International School

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations International School together with the report of the Board of Trustees of the School²⁶ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly on that subject,²⁷

Noting that the Secretary-General believes it is well established that the School meets a widely felt need of delegations and staff, which is increasing as the membership of the United Nations expands,

Noting also that the present buildings seriously limit the growth of the School to a viable economic level, but that no real progress has been made in acquiring a suitable site in Manhattan or in raising funds to build a new school,

Recalling its resolution 1439 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 by which it decided to contribute to the International School Fund for a period of five years such continuing financial assistance as the General Assembly might consider necessary, and its resolution 1591 (XV) of 20 December 1960 by which the Assembly contributed \$60,000 for the purpose of liquidating the operational deficit for the 1960-1961 school year and an additional amount of \$20,000 for such expenses as might be required in 1961 in respect of the plans for the permanent accommodation of the School,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Mayor and City of New York for their co-operation in extending the availability of the present temporary premises of the United Nations International School and in assisting in the search for a permanent site in the vicinity of United Nations Headquarters;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give urgent attention to assisting the Board of Trustees of the School in raising funds on a voluntary basis for the development of the permanent building and for creating an endowment fund which will make the School self-supporting at the earliest possible date;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Board of Trustees will give the highest priority to solving the problem of adequate permanent premises and an endowment fund for the School;

4. *Requests also* the Secretary-General to work out with the Board of Trustees the appropriate correlation of the education grant for children of United Nations staff entitled to such grants and the fee structure and

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 59, document A/5007.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 67, document A/4991.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/5004.

bursary and scholarship system of the School with a view to reducing to a minimum the deficit in operational expenses;

5. *Decides* to contribute \$50,000 to the School towards liquidating the operational deficit anticipated for the current school year;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to continue to make available the balance of the 1961 grant of \$20,000 authorized for the purpose of forwarding plans for the permanent accommodation of the School or, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for the purpose set out in paragraph 5 above.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1728 (XVI). Confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General to fill vacancies in the membership of the Investments Committee

The General Assembly

1. *Confirms* the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. William Fiske Frazier, Mr. R. McAllister Lloyd and Mr. David Rockefeller as members of the Investments Committee for a period beginning on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1964;

2. *Further confirms* the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Roger de Candolle as a member of the Investments Committee for a three-year term to begin on 1 January 1962.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1729 (XVI). Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds,²⁸

1. *Decides* that an *ad hoc* Committee of the whole Assembly, under the chairmanship of the President of the session, shall be convened as soon as practicable after the opening of each regular session of the General Assembly for the purpose of announcing pledges of voluntary contributions to the refugee programmes for the following year;

2. *Decides* to invite States members of the specialized agencies, which are not also Members of the United Nations, to attend the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee for the purpose of announcing their pledges to the refugee programmes;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the extra-budgetary programmes:

(a) To fix each year appropriate dates for the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee and the Pledging Conference for the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance convened in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1091 A (XI) of 27 February 1957, and to notify the members of these dates in good time;

²⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 60, document A/5031.

(b) To bring each year to the attention of the members the requirements of the extra-budgetary programmes for the following year and to seek their support for these programmes.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1730 (XVI). Amendment to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General²⁹ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³⁰ concerning the education grant,

Decides that, with effect from 1 January 1962, regulation 3.2 of the Staff Regulations of the United Nations shall be amended by substituting the following text for the second sentence of the first paragraph:

“The maximum amount of the grant shall be \$600 per scholastic year for each child.”

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1731 (XVI). Administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recognizing its need for authoritative legal guidance as to obligations of Member States under the Charter of the United Nations in the matter of financing the United Nations operations in the Congo and in the Middle East,

1. *Decides* to submit the following question to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion:

“Do the expenditures authorized in General Assembly resolutions 1583 (XV) and 1590 (XV) of 20 December 1960, 1595 (XV) of 3 April 1961, 1619 (XV) of 21 April 1961 and 1633 (XVI) of 30 October 1961 relating to the United Nations operations in the Congo undertaken in pursuance of the Security Council resolutions of 14 July,³¹ 22 July³² and 9 August 1960³³ and 21 February³⁴ and 24 November 1961,³⁵ and General Assembly resolutions 1474 (ES-IV) of 20 September 1960 and 1599 (XV), 1600 (XV) and 1601 (XV) of 15 April 1961, and the expenditures authorized in General Assembly resolutions 1122 (XI) of 26 November 1956, 1089 (XI) of 21 December 1956, 1090 (XI) of 27 February 1957, 1151 (XII) of 22 November 1957, 1204 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1337 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, 1441 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 and 1575 (XV) of 20 December 1960 relating to the operations of the United Nations Emergency Force undertaken in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 997 (ES-I) of 2 November 1956, 998 (ES-I)

²⁹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 64, document A/C.5/883.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/4955.

³¹ *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifteenth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1960*, document S/4387.

³² *Ibid.*, document S/4405.

³³ *Ibid.*, document S/4426.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1961*, document S/4741.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, *Supplement for October, November and December 1961*, document S/5002.

and 999 (ES-I) of 4 November 1956, 1000 (ES-I) of 5 November 1956, 1001 (ES-I) of 7 November 1956, 1121 (XI) of 24 November 1956 and 1263 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, constitute 'expenses of the Organization' within the meaning of Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations?';

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 65 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, to transmit the present resolution to the Court accompanied by all documents likely to throw light upon the question.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1732 (XVI). United Nations operations in the Congo: cost estimates and financing

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Security Council resolutions of 14 July 1960,³¹ 22 July 1960,³² 9 August 1960,³³ 21 February 1961³⁴ and 24 November 1961,³⁵ and General Assembly resolutions 1474 (ES-IV) of 20 September 1960, 1599 (XV), 1600 (XV) and 1601 (XV) of 15 April 1961, 1619 (XV) of 21 April 1961 and 1633 (XVI) of 30 October 1961,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimated cost of United Nations operations in the Congo in 1962³⁶ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,³⁷

Bearing in mind that the extraordinary expenses for the United Nations operations in the Congo are essentially different in nature from the expenses of the Organization under the regular budget and that, therefore, a procedure different from that applied in the case of the regular budget is required for meeting these extraordinary expenses,

Bearing in mind that the permanent members of the Security Council have a special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and, therefore, for contributing to the financing of peace and security operations,

1. *Decides* to continue the *ad hoc* account for the expenses of the United Nations operations in the Congo;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to expend, during 1962, at an average monthly rate not to exceed \$10 million for the continuing cost of the United Nations operations in the Congo;

3. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of \$80 million for the operations of the United Nations in the Congo for the period 1 November 1961 to 30 June 1962;

4. *Decides* to apportion as expenses of the Organization the amount of \$80 million among the Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment for the regular budget,³⁸ subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 below, pending the establishment of a different scale of assessment to defray the extraordinary expenses of the Organization resulting from these operations;

5. *Decides* to reduce:

(a) By 80 per cent the assessment of Member States whose contributions to the regular budget range from 0.04 per cent to 0.25 per cent inclusive;

(b) By 80 per cent the assessment of Member States receiving assistance during 1961 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, whose contributions to the regular budget range from 0.26 per cent to 1.25 per cent inclusive;

(c) By 50 per cent the assessment of Member States receiving assistance during 1961 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, whose contributions to the regular budget are 1.26 per cent and above;

6. *Urges* the permanent members of the Security Council to make sizable additional contributions;

7. *Appeals* to all Member States which are in a position to assist to make voluntary contributions to help defray the costs of the United Nations operations in the Congo;

8. *Calls upon* the Government of Belgium, a State directly concerned with the situation in the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville), to make a substantial contribution;

9. *Decides* to apply the additional contributions of Member States under paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 above to offset the deficit resulting from the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 5.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1733 (XVI). United Nations Emergency Force: cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1089 (XI) of 21 December 1956, 1151 (XII) of 22 November 1957, 1337 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, 1441 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 and 1575 (XV) of 20 December 1960,

Having examined the budget estimates for the United Nations Emergency Force submitted by the Secretary-General for the year 1962³⁹ and the observations and recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁰

1. *Decides* to continue the special account for the expenses of the United Nations Emergency Force;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to expend, during 1962, at an average monthly rate not to exceed \$1,625,000 for the continuing cost of the United Nations Emergency Force;

3. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of \$9.75 million for the operations of the United Nations Emergency Force for the period 1 January to 30 June 1962;

4. *Decides* to apportion the amount of \$9.75 million among all States Members of the United Nations in accordance with the regular scale of assessments for 1962,³⁸ subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 below;

5. *Appeals* to all Member States which are in a position to assist to make voluntary contributions to help defray the costs of the United Nations Emergency Force;

³¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 55, document A/C.5/904.

³² *Ibid.*, document A/5019.

³³ See resolution 1691 (XVI) of 18 December 1961.

³⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 26, document A/4784.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/4812.

6. *Decides* to reduce:

(a) By 80 per cent the assessment of Member States whose contributions to the regular budget range from 0.04 per cent to 0.25 per cent inclusive;

(b) By 80 per cent the assessment of Member States receiving assistance during 1961 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, whose contributions to the regular budget range from 0.26 per cent to 1.25 per cent inclusive;

(c) By 50 per cent the assessment of Member States receiving assistance during 1961 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, whose contributions to the regular budget are 1.26 per cent and above;

7. *Decides* to apply the voluntary contributions of Member States to offset the deficit resulting from the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 6 above.

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20 December 1961.

1734 (XVI). Budget for the financial year 1962

A

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1962

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1962:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 82,144,740 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

<i>Section</i>	<i>US dollars</i>
A. UNITED NATIONS	
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>	
1. Travel and other expenses of representatives, members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies.....	1,155,240
2. Special meetings and conferences.....	1,532,000
TOTAL, PART I	2,687,240
<i>Part II. Staff costs and related expenses</i>	
3. Salaries and wages.....	40,765,550
4. Common staff costs.....	9,399,650
5. Travel of staff.....	2,065,000
6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality.....	100,000
TOTAL, PART II	52,330,200
<i>Part III. Buildings, equipment and common services</i>	
7. Buildings and improvements to premises.....	4,364,500
8. Permanent equipment.....	438,500
9. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises.....	3,458,200
10. General expenses.....	3,684,800
11. Printing.....	1,286,650
TOTAL, PART III	13,232,650
<i>Part IV. Special expenses</i>	
12. Special expenses.....	194,600
TOTAL, PART IV	194,600
<i>Part V. Technical programmes</i>	
13. Economic development.....	2,135,000
14. Social activities.....	2,105,000
15. Human rights activities.....	140,000
16. Public administration.....	1,945,000
17. Narcotic drugs control.....	75,000
TOTAL, PART V	6,400,000
<i>Part VI. Special missions and related activities</i>	
18. Special missions.....	2,490,650
19. United Nations Field Service.....	1,357,000
TOTAL, PART VI	3,847,650

<i>Section</i>	<i>US dollars</i>
A. UNITED NATIONS (<i>continued</i>)	
<i>Part VII. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</i>	
20. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.....	2,525,800
TOTAL, PART VII	2,525,800
B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE	
<i>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</i>	
21. International Court of Justice.....	926,600
TOTAL, PART VIII	926,600
GRAND TOTAL	<u>82,144,740</u>

2. The Secretary-General is authorized:

(a) To administer as a unit the provisions under sections 1, 3 and 5 in a total amount of \$117,900 relating to the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Drug Supervisory Body;

(b) To transfer credits between sections of the budget with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The appropriations under sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 in a total amount of \$248,400 relating to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall be administered in accordance with article XXVII of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

4. In addition to the appropriations under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$17,500 is hereby appropriated from the income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

B

INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1962

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1962:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US 14,062,050 are approved as follows:

<i>Section</i>	<i>US dollars</i>
<i>Part I. Income from staff assessment</i>	
1. Staff assessment income.....	8,670,250
TOTAL, PART I	8,670,250
<i>Part II. Other income</i>	
2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts.....	1,666,800
3. General income	1,400,000
4. Sale of United Nations postage stamps.....	1,275,000
5. Sale of publications.....	375,000
6. Services to visitors and catering services.....	675,000
TOTAL, PART II	5,391,800
GRAND TOTAL	<u>14,062,050</u>

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, may be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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20 December 1961.*

C

FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1962

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1962:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 82,144,740, decreased by revised appropriations for 1961 totalling \$1,320,000,⁴¹ shall be financed as follows, in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations:

(a) As to \$5,391,800, by income other than staff assessment approved under resolution B above;

(b) As to \$1,308,823, by the balance on surplus account for the financial year 1960;

(c) As to \$74,124,117, by assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1691 (XVI) of 18 December 1961;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States:

(a) Their respective shares in the Tax Equalization Fund, subject to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, comprising:

(i) \$8,670,250, being the estimated staff assessment income for 1962;

(ii) \$172,117, being the excess of staff assessment income for 1960 over estimated income;

(b) Their credits in respect of the transfer of the League of Nations assets, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 250 (III) of 11 December 1948.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1735 (XVI). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1962

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in the financial year 1962, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$30,000;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$25,000 as may be authorized by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957 relating to the pattern of conferences;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit sup-

plementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million before the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

*1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1736 (XVI). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1962

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1962 at an amount of \$US 25 million, to be derived:

(a) As to \$23,920,842, from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 below;

(b) As to \$1,079,158, by transfer from surplus account as follows:

(i) \$551,170 being the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1957 not applied against Members' assessments in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1340 (XIII) of 13 December 1958;

(ii) \$527,988 being the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1958, not applied against Members' assessments in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1445 (XIV) of 5 December 1959;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 (a) above in accordance with the scale adopted by the Gen-

⁴¹ See resolution 1692 (XVI) of 18 December 1961.

eral Assembly for contributions of Members to the budget for the financial years 1962,³⁸

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1961 under General Assembly resolution 1586 (XV) of 20 December 1960, provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1961 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the budget for the financial year 1962;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions approved by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 1735 (XVI) of 20 December 1961 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$125,000 to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in that Fund;

(f) Such sums, not to exceed \$100,000 during the period 1961 to 1964, as may be necessary to finance awards made for the international encouragement of scientific research into the control of cancerous diseases, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1398 (XIV) of 20 November 1959; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the annual budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

5. Should the provisions in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize in 1962, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1448 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.

1737 (XVI). Modernization of the Palais des Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General⁴² and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁴³ concerning changes that have become necessary in the programme for the modernization of the Palais des Nations, approved under General Assembly resolutions 1101 (XI) of 27 February 1957 and 1447 (XIV) of 5 December 1959,

1. *Approves* the revisions in the programme for the modernization of the Palais des Nations as set out in the report of the Secretary-General as well as the proposals for financing the entire programme, as modified, at a cost not to exceed \$2,081,000;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the revised programme;

3. *Decides* that the schedule of annual budget instalments contained in paragraphs 3 (a) of General Assembly resolution 1447 (XIV) shall be amended as follows:

	<i>Annual instalment (US dollars)</i>
For the years 1957 to 1960.....	121,000*
For the year 1961.....	202,000**
For the year 1962.....	331,000**
For the year 1963.....	131,000*
For the years 1964 to 1966.....	311,000*

* Unchanged.

** Instead of \$121,000.

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to advance from the Working Capital Fund the sums which may be required from time to time to finance the actual requirements of the programme, such advances to be repaid from budgetary appropriations in accordance with the schedule annexed to the Secretary-General's report;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in the progress of the modernization programme.

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20 December 1961.

1738 (XVI). Emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly

Resolves that, with effect from 1 January 1962, the emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice shall be fixed according to the following scale:

	<i>US dollars</i>
<i>President:</i>	
Annual salary	25,000
Special allowance	6,000
<i>Vice-President:</i>	
Annual salary	25,000
Allowance equivalent to \$37.50 for every day on which he acts as President, up to a maximum of	3,750

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/C.5/877.*

⁴³ *Ibid.*, document A/4918.

Other members:

Annual salary 25,000

Ad hoc judges referred to in Article 31 of the Statute of the Court:

Allowance of \$45 for each day on which they exercise their functions, plus a daily subsistence allowance.

1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.

1739 (XVI). The United Nations financial position and prospects*The General Assembly,*

Having taken note of the statement made by the Acting Secretary-General at the 899th meeting of the Fifth Committee, on 11 December 1961, concerning the United Nations financial position and prospects,⁴⁴

Bearing in mind the activities and programmes of work of the United Nations that have been approved by the General Assembly,

Recognizing that the ability of the United Nations to discharge its responsibilities and to implement its programmes requires it to have adequate and assured financial resources,

Considering that, under existing circumstances, extraordinary financial measures are required and that such measures should not be deemed a precedent for the future financing of the expenses of the United Nations,

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to issue United Nations bonds in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

2. Further authorizes the Secretary-General, subject to such decisions as the General Assembly may hereafter adopt, to utilize the proceeds from the sale of such bonds for purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund;

3. Decides to include annually in the regular budget of the United Nations, beginning with the budget for the financial year 1963, an amount sufficient to pay the interest charges on such bonds and the instalments of principal due on the bonds.

1086th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.

ANNEX**TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUE OF UNITED NATIONS BONDS**

1. The aggregate principal amount of the United Nations bonds authorized under General Assembly resolution 1739 (XVI) of 20 December 1961 (hereinafter called the bonds) shall be limited to the equivalent of \$US 200,000,000.

2. Bonds may be issued expressed in United States dollars (hereinafter called dollars) and in such other currencies as the Secretary-General shall determine. The principal of, and interest

on, any bond shall be payable in the currency in which such bond is expressed.

3. In order to determine the dollar equivalent, for the purpose of paragraph 1 above, of any bond which has been issued expressed in a currency other than dollars, the principal amount of such bond shall be translated, as at the date on which such bond shall be sold or agreed to be sold, into dollars at such rates as the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, shall determine.

4. The bonds shall bear interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum, payable annually, on the principal amount thereof outstanding and unpaid from time to time.

5. The principal amount of each bond shall be repayable in twenty-five annual instalments in accordance with the following table:

	<i>Per cent</i>
At the end of the first year.....	3.1
At the end of the second year.....	3.2
At the end of the third year.....	3.2
At the end of the fourth year.....	3.3
At the end of the fifth year.....	3.4
At the end of the sixth year.....	3.4
At the end of the seventh year.....	3.6
At the end of the eighth year.....	3.6
At the end of the ninth year.....	3.6
At the end of the tenth year.....	3.7
At the end of the eleventh year.....	3.8
At the end of the twelfth year.....	3.9
At the end of the thirteenth year.....	4.0
At the end of the fourteenth year.....	4.0
At the end of the fifteenth year.....	4.2
At the end of the sixteenth year.....	4.2
At the end of the seventeenth year.....	4.2
At the end of the eighteenth year.....	4.4
At the end of the nineteenth year.....	4.5
At the end of the twentieth year.....	4.5
At the end of the twenty-first year.....	4.7
At the end of the twenty-second year.....	4.7
At the end of the twenty-third year.....	4.8
At the end of the twenty-fourth year.....	4.9
At the end of the twenty-fifth year.....	5.1
	100.0

6. The United Nations may at any time prepay at par all or part of the principal amount of the bonds remaining outstanding and unpaid. Partial prepayment shall be applied equally and ratably to all the bonds outstanding and shall be credited against annual instalments of repayments in inverse order of maturity.

7. The bonds shall be offered to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as to the official institutions of such members, and, if the Secretary-General, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, shall so determine, to non-profit institutions or associations.

8. The bonds may be sold in whole or in part from time to time until 31 December 1962, provided, however, that the Secretary-General may, at any time on or before that date, enter agreements to sell bonds for delivery after that date and on or before 31 December 1963.

9. The Secretary-General shall, after consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, from time to time issue such regulations, not inconsistent with the foregoing paragraphs, and take any and all such further action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the above resolution.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/907.

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1647 (XVI). Enlargement of the International Law Commission: amendments to articles 2 and 9 of the Statute of the Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1103 (XI) of 18 December 1956, by which the membership of the International Law Commission was established at twenty-one members,

Noting that the membership of the United Nations has increased substantially since the adoption of that resolution,

1. *Decides* to amend as follows article 2, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Law Commission:

“The Commission shall consist of twenty-five members who shall be persons of recognized competence in international law”;

2. *Decides*, as a consequence, to amend as follows article 9, paragraph 1, of the said Statute:

“The twenty-five candidates who obtain the greatest number of votes and not less than a majority of the votes of the Members present and voting shall be elected”;

3. *Decides*, by way of exception and in consequence of the enlargement of the Commission, to request the Secretariat to include in the list of candidates in the election to be held at the current session, in addition to the nominations already received, such names as shall have been communicated to it in writing before 15 November 1961.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1685 (XVI). International conference of plenipotentiaries on consular relations

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter II of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of

its thirteenth session,¹ which contains draft articles and commentaries on consular relations,

Recalling that, according to paragraph 27 of that report, the International Law Commission decided to recommend that the General Assembly should convene an international conference of plenipotentiaries to study the Commission's draft on consular relations and conclude one or more conventions on the subject,

Expressing its firm belief that the successful codification and progressive development of the rules governing consular relations would contribute to the development of friendly relations among nations, irrespective of their differing constitutional and social systems,

Noting with satisfaction that the draft articles on consular relations prepared by the International Law Commission constitute a good basis for the preparation of a convention on that subject,

Desiring to provide an opportunity for completing the preparatory work by further expressions and exchanges of views concerning the draft articles at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for its work on consular relations;

2. *Requests* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General written comments concerning the draft articles by 1 July 1962, in order that they may be circulated to Governments prior to the beginning of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries be convened to consider the question of consular relations and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convoke the conference at Vienna at the beginning of March 1963;

5. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations, States members of the specialized agencies and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice to participate in the conference and to include among their representatives experts competent in the field to be considered;

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/4843).

6. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the interested inter-governmental organizations to send observers to the conference;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the conference documentation and recommendations concerning its methods of work and procedures;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the necessary staff and facilities which will be required for the conference;

9. *Refers* to the conference chapter II of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its thirteenth session, together with the records of the relevant debates in the General Assembly, as the basis for its consideration of the question of consular relations;

10. *Expresses the hope* that the conference will be fully attended;

11. *Decides* to include the item entitled "Consular relations" in the provisional agenda of its seventeenth session to allow further expressions and exchanges of views concerning the draft articles on consular relations.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1686 (XVI). Future work in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1505 (XV) of 12 December 1960,

Considering that the conditions prevailing in the world today give increased importance to the role of international law in relations among nations,

Emphasizing the important role of codification and progressive development of international law with a view to making international law a more effective means of furthering the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful of its responsibilities under Article 13, paragraph 1 a, of the Charter to encourage the progressive development of international law and its codification,

Having surveyed the present state of international law with particular regard to the preparation of a new list of topics for codification and progressive development of international law,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for the valuable work it has already

accomplished in the codification and progressive development of international law;

2. *Takes note* of chapter III of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its thirteenth session;¹

3. *Recommends* the International Law Commission:

(a) To continue its work in the field of the law of treaties and of State responsibility and to include on its priority list the topic of succession of States and Governments;

(b) To consider at its fourteenth session its future programme of work, on the basis of sub-paragraph (a) above and in the light of the discussion in the Sixth Committee at the fifteenth and sixteenth sessions of the General Assembly and of the observations of Member States submitted pursuant to resolution 1505 (XV), and to report to the Assembly at its seventeenth session on the conclusions it has reached;

4. *Decides* to place on the provisional agenda of its seventeenth session the question entitled "Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations".

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1687 (XVI). Question of special missions

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1504 (XV) of 12 December 1960, whereby it referred to the United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities the draft articles on special missions contained in chapter III of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its twelfth session,²

Noting the resolution on special missions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities at its 4th plenary meeting, held on 10 April 1961, recommending that the subject be referred again to the International Law Commission,³

Requests the International Law Commission, as soon as it considers it advisable, to study further the subject of special missions and to report thereon to the General Assembly.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

¹ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/4425).

² *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 71, document A/4773, para. 1.

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1623 (XVI). Admission of Sierra Leone to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 26 September 1961 that Sierra Leone should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,¹

Having considered the application for membership of Sierra Leone,²

Decides to admit Sierra Leone to membership in the United Nations.

*1018th plenary meeting,
27 September 1961.*

1628 (XVI). An international investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him

The General Assembly,

Recalling that on 18 September 1961 the aircraft

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 92, document A/4888.*

² *Ibid.*, document A/4763.

carrying Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, and fifteen United Nations officials on a mission^a in the service of the United Nations crashed in the vicinity of the Ndola airport in Northern Rhodesia resulting in the tragic death of Mr. Hammarskjöld and his entire party,

Having regard to the world-wide public concern over the disastrous end of this flight, undertaken on behalf, and in the service, of the United Nations,

Noting that much concern prevails in the world in regard to both this tragedy and the circumstances surrounding it, which warrant an international investigation, the absence of which can only lead to the continuance of the present undesirable speculation,

Noting further that inquiries have been or are being conducted by Governments or parties concerned,

Considering it desirable and necessary that, irrespective of such inquiries, an investigation of such incidents, which concern the United Nations, should be carried out under the authority and auspices of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses its profound shock and sorrow* at the death of Mr. Hammarskjöld and the following persons

who died with him in the service of the United Nations as a result of the air crash:

Mr. Heinrich A. Wieschhoff,
Mr. Vladimir Fabry,
Mr. William Ranallo,
Miss Alice Lalande,
Mr. Harold M. Julien,
Mr. Serge L. Barrau,
Mr. Francis Eivers,
Mr. S. O. Hjelte,
Mr. P. E. Persson,
Mr. Per Hallonquist,
Mr. Nils-Eric Aahréus,
Mr. Lars Litton,
Mr. Nils Göran Wilhelmsson,
Mr. Harold Noork,
Mr. Karl Erik Rosén;

2. *Offers* its sincere condolences and deep sympathy to the families of Mr. Hammarskjöld and the other victims;

3. *Decides* that an investigation of an international character, under the auspices of the United Nations, should be held immediately into all the conditions and circumstances surrounding this tragedy, and more particularly as to:

(a) Why the flight had to be undertaken at night without escort;

(b) Why its arrival at Ndola was unduly delayed, as reported;

(c) Whether the aircraft, after having established contact with the tower at Ndola lost that contact, and the fact of its having crashed did not become known until several hours afterwards, and if so, why;

(d) Whether the aircraft, after the damage it was reported to have suffered earlier from firing by aircraft hostile to the United Nations, was in a proper condition for use;

4. *Further decides* to appoint a Commission of five eminent persons to carry out such an investigation, and request the Commission to report its findings to the President of the General Assembly within three months of its appointment;

5. *Requests* all Governments and parties concerned and the appropriate specialized agencies of the United Nations to extend their full co-operation and assistance to the said Commission in making this investigation;

6. *Decides* to consider, in the appropriate Committee during the current session, the question of offering suitable remuneration to the families of the victims of this grave tragedy.

1042nd plenary meeting,
26 October 1961.

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At its 1074th plenary meeting, on 8 December 1961, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the President of the Assembly, appointed the members of the Commission established under paragraph 4 of the above resolution.

The Commission is composed as follows: Mr. S. B. Jones (Sierra Leone), Mr. Raúl Quijano (Argentina), Mr. Alfred Emil Sandström (Sweden), Mr. Rishikesh Shaha (Nepal) and Mr. Nikola Srzentić (Yugoslavia).

1630 (XVI). Admission of the Mongolian People's Republic to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 25 October 1961 that the Mongolian People's Republic should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,³

Having considered the application for membership of the Mongolian People's Republic,⁴

Decides to admit the Mongolian People's Republic to membership in the United Nations.

1043rd plenary meeting,
27 October 1961.

1631 (XVI). Admission of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 25 October 1961 that the Islamic Republic of Mauritania should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,⁵

Having considered the application for membership of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,⁶

Decides to admit the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to membership in the United Nations.

1043rd plenary meeting,
27 October 1961.

1640 (XVI). Appointment of an acting Secretary-General

The General Assembly,

Acting in accordance with the recommendation of the Security Council of 3 November 1961,⁷

Appoints His Excellency U Thant as Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office ending on 10 April 1963.

1046th plenary meeting,
3 November 1961.

1650 (XVI). The status of Algerians imprisoned in France

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the grave international repercussions and the serious threat to the prospects of a negotiated, peaceful settlement of the Algerian question in consequence of the hunger strike of thousands of Algerians imprisoned in France,

³ *Ibid.*, document A/4940.

⁴ See documents A/687 and Add.1; *Official Records of the Security Council, First Year, Second Series, Supplement No. 4*, annex 6, document S/95, and *Ibid.*, *Twelfth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1957*, documents S/3873 and Add.1.

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 92, document A/4941.

⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/4604.

⁷ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, separate fascicle (Appointment of an acting Secretary-General), document A/4953.

Recalling its resolution 1573 (XV) of 19 December 1960, by which it recognized its responsibility to contribute towards a just solution of the Algerian question,

Recalling further its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, which emphasized in paragraph 4:

“All armed action or repressive measures of all kinds directed against dependent peoples shall cease in order to enable them to exercise peacefully and freely their right to complete independence . . .”

Appeals to the Government of France, in accordance with established international practice and humanitarian principles, to redress the legitimate grievances of the Algerian prisoners in recognizing their status as political prisoners with a view to making possible the immediate termination of the hunger strike.

*1055th plenary meeting,
15 November 1961.*

1651 (XVI). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1960-1961.⁸

*1062nd plenary meeting,
23 November 1961.*

1654 (XVI). The situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Bearing in mind the purposes and principles of that Declaration,

Recalling in particular paragraph 5 of the Declaration providing that:

“Immediate steps shall be taken, in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories or all other territories which have not yet attained independence, to transfer all powers to the peoples of those territories, without any conditions or reservations, in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire, without any distinction as to race, creed or colour, in order to enable them to enjoy complete independence and freedom”

Noting with regret that, with a few exceptions, the provisions contained in the aforementioned paragraph of the Declaration have not been carried out,

Noting that, contrary to the provisions of paragraph 4 of the Declaration, armed action and repressive measures continue to be taken in certain areas with increasing ruthlessness against dependent peoples, depriving them of their prerogative to exercise peacefully and freely their right to complete independence,

Deeply concerned that, contrary to the provisions of paragraph 6 of the Declaration, acts aimed at the partial

⁸ *Annual report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1960-30 June 1961, Vienna, July 1961, and supplementary report (A/4883 and Add.1).*

or total disruption of national unity and territorial integrity are still being carried out in certain countries in the process of decolonization,

Convinced that further delay in the application of the Declaration is a continuing source of international conflict and disharmony, seriously impedes international co-operation, and is creating an increasingly dangerous situation in many parts of the world which may threaten international peace and security,

Emphasizing that inadequacy of political, economic, social or educational preparedness should never serve as a pretext for delaying independence,

1. *Solemnly reiterates and reaffirms* the objectives and principles enshrined in the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;

2. *Calls upon* States concerned to take action without further delay with a view to the faithful application and implementation of the Declaration;

3. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee of seventeen members to be nominated by the President of the General Assembly at the present session;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to examine the application of the Declaration, to make suggestions and recommendations on the progress and extent of the implementation of the Declaration, and to report to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session;

5. *Directs* the Special Committee to carry out its task by employment of all means which it will have at its disposal within the framework of the procedures and modalities which it shall adopt for the proper discharge of its functions;

6. *Authorizes* the Special Committee to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters, whenever and wherever such meetings may be required for the effective discharge of its functions, in consultation with the appropriate authorities;

7. *Invites* the authorities concerned to afford the Special Committee their fullest co-operation in carrying out its tasks;

8. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council, the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and the specialized agencies concerned to assist the Special Committee in its work within their respective fields;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with all the facilities and the personnel necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

*1066th plenary meeting,
27 November 1961.*

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The President of the General Assembly, in pursuance of the above resolution, appointed the members of the Special Committee established under paragraph 3 of that resolution. At its 1094th plenary meeting, on 23 January 1962, the General Assembly took note of that appointment.

The Special Committee is composed as follows: AUSTRALIA, CAMBODIA, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, ITALY, MADAGASCAR, MALI, POLAND, SYRIA, TANGANYIKA, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA and YUGOSLAVIA.

1667 (XVI). Admission of Tanganyika to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 14 December 1961 that Tanganyika should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,⁹

Having considered the application for membership of Tanganyika,¹⁰

Decides to admit Tanganyika to membership in the United Nations.

*1078th plenary meeting,
14 December 1961.*

1668 (XVI). Representation of China in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting that a serious divergence of views exists among Member States concerning the representation of a founder Member who is named in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that this matter has been described repeatedly in the General Assembly by all segments of opinion as vital and crucial and that on numerous occasions its inclusion in the agenda has been requested under rule 15 of the Assembly's rules of procedure as an item of an important and urgent character,

Recalling further the recommendation contained in its resolution 396 (V) of 14 December 1950 that, whenever more than one authority claims to be the government entitled to represent a Member State in the United Nations and this question becomes the subject of controversy in the United Nations, the question should be considered in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter and the circumstances of each case,

Decides, in accordance with Article 18 of the Charter of the United Nations, that any proposal to change the representation of China is an important question.

*1080th plenary meeting,
15 December 1961.*

1669 (XVI). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1960 to 15 July 1961.¹¹

*1080th plenary meeting,
15 December 1961.*

1670 (XVI). Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 1136 (XII) of 14 October 1957 and 1381 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 92, document A/5033.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/5021.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/4867).*

Conscious of the fact that present international circumstances are not auspicious for a review of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing at the same time the need for such a review as soon as international circumstances permit,

1. *Decides* to keep in being the Committee on arrangements for a Conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter and to request the Committee to report, with recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than at its seventeenth session;

2. *Requests* that the work envisaged in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 992 (X) should be continued.

*1080th plenary meeting,
15 December 1961.*

1723 (XVI). Question of Tibet

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1353 (XIV) of 21 October 1959 on the question of Tibet,

Gravely concerned at the continuation of events in Tibet, including the violation of the fundamental human rights of the Tibetan people and the suppression of the distinctive cultural and religious life which they have traditionally enjoyed,

Noting with deep anxiety the severe hardships which these events have inflicted on the Tibetan people, as evidenced by the large-scale exodus of Tibetan refugees to the neighbouring countries,

Considering that these events violate fundamental human rights and freedoms set out in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the principle of self-determination of peoples and nations, and have the deplorable effect of increasing international tension and embittering relations between peoples,

1. *Reaffirms its conviction* that respect for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is essential for the evolution of a peaceful world order based on the rule of law;

2. *Solemnly renews* its call for the cessation of practices which deprive the Tibetan people of their fundamental human rights and freedoms, including their right to self-determination;

3. *Expresses the hope* that Member States will make all possible efforts, as appropriate, towards achieving the purposes of the present resolution.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1741 (XVI). Question of Hungary

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Representative on Hungary,¹² Sir Leslie Munro, who is responsible to the General Assembly for reporting on significant developments relating to the implementation of the Assembly's resolutions on Hungary,

¹² *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 89, document A/4996.*

Deplores the continued disregard by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present Hungarian régime of the General Assembly resolutions concerning the situation in Hungary.

*1087th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1742 (XVI). The situation in Angola

The General Assembly,

Having considered the situation in Angola,

Recalling its resolution 1603 (XV) of 20 April 1961 and the Security Council resolution of 9 June 1961,¹³

Having examined the report of the Sub-Committee on the situation in Angola appointed under resolution 1603 (XV),¹⁴

Deploring the lack of co-operation and assistance by Portugal in the full and effective discharge of the Sub-Committee's task as called for in the aforementioned resolutions,

Noting with deep regret Portugal's refusal to recognize Angola as a Non-Self-Governing Territory and its failure to take measures to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples",

Convinced that the continued refusal of Portugal to recognize the legitimate aspirations of the Angolan people to self-determination and independence constitutes a permanent source of international friction and threatens international peace and security,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Sub-Committee on the situation in Angola and commends to the Portuguese Government, for urgent consideration and effective implementation, the observations, findings and conclusions set out in the Sub-Committee's report;

¹³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Sixteenth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1961, document S/4835.*

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/4978 and Corr.2).*

2. *Solemnly reaffirms* the inalienable right of the Angolan people to self-determination and independence;

3. *Deeply deprecates* the repressive measures and armed action against the people of Angola and the denial to them of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and calls upon the Portuguese authorities to desist forthwith from repressive measures against the people of Angola;

4. *Appeals* to the Government of Portugal to release immediately all Angolan political prisoners wherever they may be held;

5. *Urges* the Government of Portugal to undertake, without further delay, extensive political, economic and social reforms and measures, and in particular to set up freely elected and representative political institutions with a view to transfer of power to the people of Angola;

6. *Decides* to continue the Sub-Committee on the situation in Angola appointed under General Assembly resolution 1603 (XV);

(a) To continue the performance of its tasks;

(b) To study ways and means to secure the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Security Council and to the General Assembly;

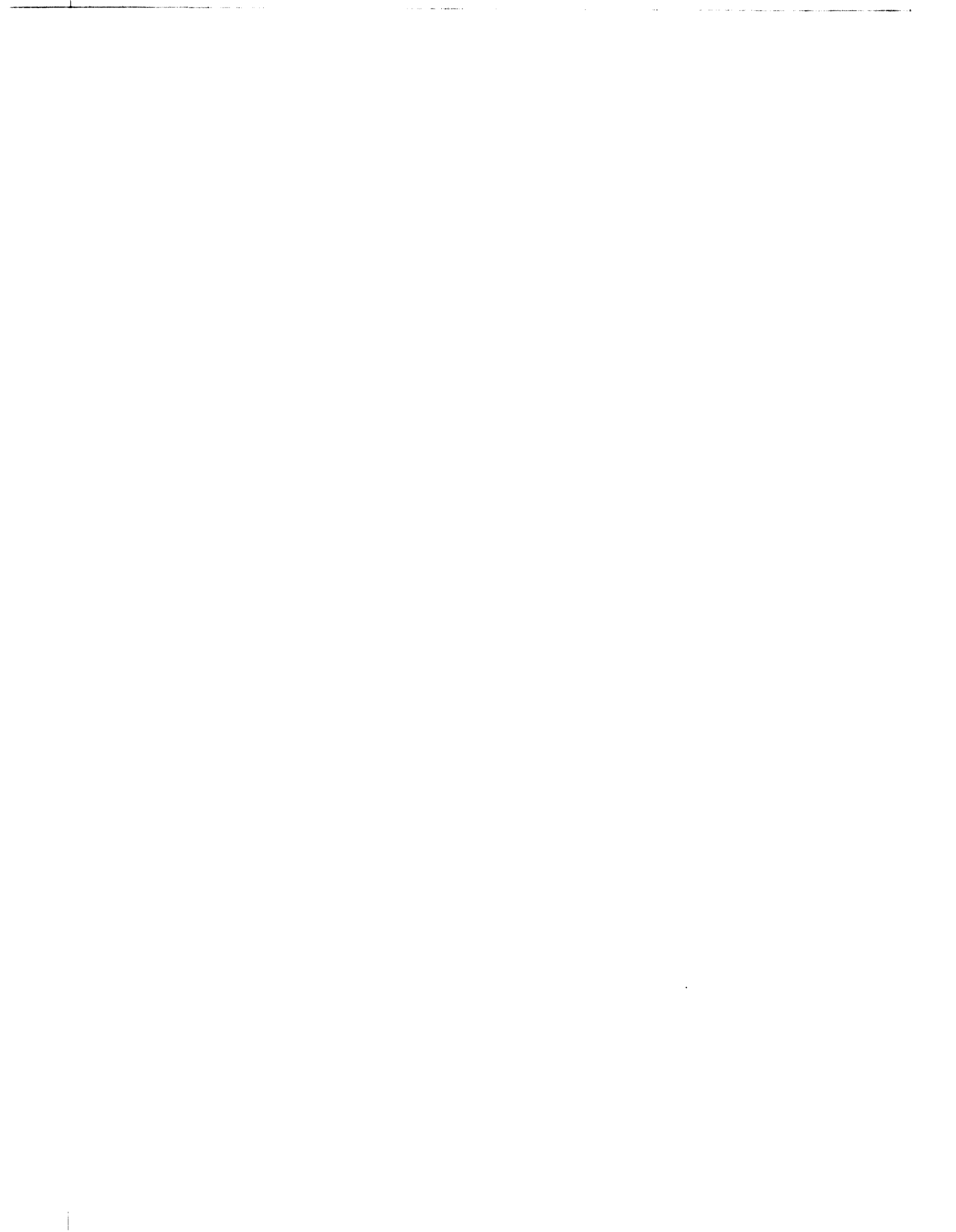
7. *Requests* Member States to use their influence to secure the compliance of Portugal with the present resolution;

8. *Requests* all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to deny Portugal any support and assistance which may be used by it for the suppression of the people of Angola;

9. *Requests* the Government of Portugal to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session on the measures it has undertaken in the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Recommends* the Security Council, in the light of the Council's resolution of 9 June 1961 and of the present resolution, to keep the matter under constant review.

*1102nd plenary meeting,
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